

EDITORIAL

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Another year has gone by and I have taken over the reign of editing Camertonian from Jayne. This last year archaeology has had a difficult time due to the problems that foot and mouth has brought on it and the countryside as a whole. However as a society we have been able to undertake research and excavation as well as lectures and guided walks.

Although our summer excavation was put on hold due to the disease, we prayed to the gods, and they answered in September when the ban was lifted, and we could at last start on our chosen site, Blacklands. The first season's work was very successful and has showed us what an exciting project we have begun. A report on the site and finds is published in this edition. Look out for further activities at Blacklands in the newsletters over the coming months.

We as a society encourage research through our projects and activities. We have a diverse membership and are always on the look out to help and encourage our members in their own research, be that school projects, college, university or own individual interests. Last year we were able, through donation, to buy our first piece of geophysics equipment, and we are planning two training days in April to teach members how to use the equipment for their on-going research and projects.

This year we will be looking forward to a packed programme of activities, with excursions starting in April and a summer excavation starting in August.

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