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The cameras of Oxford Scientific Films were active in Banbury in October. They were filming for a short series entitled "The Pub Dig", of which the concluding episode will be centred on an archaeological excavation at the Reindeer Inn in Parsons Street. This will be shown on Sky TV before Christmas. More information is likely be in local press and our email newsletter. We hope to have a report on the dig and its discoveries in our next issue, but meanwhile, tune in and enjoy the television coverage.

Two new books by members will become available later in November. Barry Davis and Brian Little have produced an entertaining coverage and display of Banbury advertisements of the past century and a half. It is entitled *From Banbury Cakes to a Bushel of Sweetmeats* (Robert Boyd Publications, 96pp, £9.95) and is drawn entirely from illustrations in the authors' personal collection. With a caveat that "It is not the intention of this book to be a history of businesses in Banbury", nevertheless it is hoped that "readers will find much of interest which sits happily with their memories." As one fortunate to have had a preview I heartily endorse this. Available from Waterstones and elsewhere.

Nick Allen, already author of a history of Adderbury, has now published *An English Parish Church, Its Story: The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Adderbury* (154pp., lavishly illustrated, some colour, £18.50), on sale in Banbury at 'Pen & Ink' and the Tourist Bookshop, and also in Adderbury, from 19th November.

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