

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR

MAY - OCTOBER 1977

EXCAVATIONS, FIELDWORK, FINDS PROCESSING

Kettering. Excavations continuing in the area of Kettering. Contact Mr D Jackson, 122 Ardington Road, Northampton. Tel. Northampton 35889.

M1-A1 Link Road. Fieldwork to identify sites on the proposed route. Contact Mr P Foster, 21 Clive Close, Ise Village, Kettering. Tel. Wadcroft 3391.

Milton Keynes Development Corporation. Excavations: Bradwell, Wood Corner Roman Building (March-April); Woughton Iron Age Site (July-Oct); Bradwell Roman Villa - Grand Open Weekend - 28-29 May, 10.00am-5.00pm; Great Linford Medieval Villa (May-Aug). Contact Mr D C Mynard, Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, Bradwell, Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes. Fieldwork in the southern part of the Milton Keynes Designated Area. Bletchley Archaeological and Historical Society. Contact Mr C G M Hoptroff, 20 Great Brickhill Lane, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes. Tel. Great Brickhill 274.

Northampton Museum. Help welcome in processing of finds from excavations and records. Contact Mr W R G Moore, Keeper of Archaeology, Guildhall Road, Northampton. Tel. Northampton 34881.

Northampton Development Corporation. Excavations will be continuing on Saxon and medieval levels in the area of St Peter's Church (up to the middle of July) and on the neolithic causewayed camp at Briar Hill (until the end of June). Help is always required with the excavations (Mondays to Fridays). For those with limited time available help is also required with finds processing at the Archaeological Centre, Thorplands - an odd morning or afternoon all helps. Contact Mr J H Williams, NDC, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton. Tel. daytime Northampton 46444, evening 880688.

Peterborough. Excavations at Fengate continue (5 May-26 Aug) for the Royal Ontario Museum and the Nene Valley Research Committee. Contact Mr E M M Pryor, Lannock Manor, Hitchin, Herts.

Preston Deanery. Fieldwalking. Upper Nene Archaeological Society. Weekends. Contact Mr R M Friendship-Taylor, 8 Pinetrees Close, Hackleton, Northants. Tel. Northampton 870312.

Quinton. Excavation of a Roman site. Upper Nene Archaeological Society. Contact Mr R M Friendship-Taylor as above.

Westfield Museum, Kettering. Help welcome with finds processing. Contact Mr F V Lyall, The Curator, West Street, Kettering. Tel. Kettering 2315.

LECTURES

Friday 1 April. Excursion 'Churches in Milton Keynes'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society and Wolverton and District Archaeological Society. Meet at 7.00pm on the forecourt of Woughton House, Woughton-on-the-Green.

Monday 25 April. Jane Hassall, 'Saxon and Medieval Bedfordshire'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, 7.30pm.

Thursday 5 May. Dr G Alexander, 'Royal Attacks on Episcopal Wealth in 16th century England'. The Historical Association, Wellingborough Wrenn School, London Road, Wellingborough, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 7 MAY. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1976/7 AND REPORTS MEETING - 'RECENT WORK IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'. COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRIXWORTH, NORTHANTS, 2.00pm.

Monday 9 May. Paul Woodfield and Denis Mynard, 'Practical Evening: Post-medieval finds'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, 7.30pm.

Friday 27 May. Excursion, 'The Historic Buildings of Newport Pagnell'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society and Wolverton and District Archaeological Society. Meet at 7.15pm outside 'Coopers', Market Square, Newport Pagnell.

Saturday 28 May. Upper Nene Archaeological Society Annual Field Visit. To Dorchester Museum, Hod Hill, Maiden Castle and Cerne Abbas, Dorset. Cost per head between £2.60 and £3.20 depending on demand. Contact Mr R M Friendship-Taylor, 8 Pinetrees Close, Hackleton, Northants. Tel. Northampton 870312.

Monday 13 June. 'Practical Evening - Surveying Earthworks'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, 7.30pm.

Friday 24 June. 'A Current Excavation in Milton Keynes'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society and Wolverton and District Archaeological Society. Followed by a Cheese and Wine Party at Bradwell Abbey. Meet at Bradwell Abbey Field Centre at 7.15pm.

Sunday 17 July. Coach trip to St Albans. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. (Afternoon visit).

Friday 29 July Excursion, 'Olneys Historic Buildings'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society and Wolverton and District Archaeological Society. Meet on the Market Square, Olney, at 7.30pm.

Saturday 17 September. Outing to Oxford (day visit). Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Contact Mr D C Mynard, Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, Bradwell Milton Keynes.

Monday 3 October. 'A Finds Quiz' arranged by Mr J Turner from the Bedford Museum. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. The opening meeting of the 1977/8 programme will be organised by Northampton Development Corporation and will also be the autumn meeting of CBA Group 9 (combining Beds, Bucks, Northants and Oxon). It will be held at Cliftonville House, the NDC offices, Bedford Road, Northampton and take the form of an all afternoon symposium on 'Changing views of early town development in the Danelaw'. The speakers will be John Williams (NDC), Alan Carter (Norwich Survey) and Richard Hall (York Archaeological Trust). It will be interesting to compare the results of work in Northampton with those from these other important centres in eastern England.

Monday 7 November. Lynn Dyson-Bruce, 'Recent Excavations in Northamptonshire'. Milton Keynes and District Archaeological Society. Bradwell Abbey Field Centre, 7.30pm.

## COURSES

Dr J D Hudson and Dr J S Sutherland, Geology and Building Stones of the Nene Valley.  
8 meetings beginning on 27 April. Fee: £2.40 (students and retired persons: £1.20).  
The University Centre, Barrack Road, Northampton.

## DAY SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

April 1-7. Field Archaeology and the Landscape. Tutors: A E Brown and C C Taylor.  
Knuston Hall Residential College, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northants. S.A.E.

April 15-17. The Archaeology of Mercian Towns. Rewley House, Wellington Square,  
Oxford. Speakers include T G Hassall, P A Barker, M O H Carver, J Crickmore,  
W Davies, C Heighway, R Shoesmith, J H Williams and T Strickland.

April 22-24. Archaeology and History in the Landscape. Oxford University,  
Department of External Studies, Great Missenden, Bucks.

May 6-8. Coins and Archaeology. Speakers include C Kraay, D Nash, J Kent, M Mayhew,  
C King, M Metcalf. Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford.

May 14. Pottery and the Archaeologist. Contributors include Dr M G Fulford,  
C Orton, Dr I Hodder, K Barclay and M Millett. Fee: £1.50. The Institute of  
Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London.

May 14. Place Names and the History of England. Tutor: Dr M Gelling. Vaughan  
College University Centre, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester.

May 14-15. First Aid and Treatment for Archaeological Small Finds. Tutor:  
Elizabeth Pye. Knuston Hall Residential College, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northants.  
S.A.E.

May 14-15. New Approaches to the Archaeology of Cemeteries. Speakers include  
A Sherrat, S Shennan, J O'Shea, S Hawkes, D Brown, J Doran and B Brothwell.  
Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford.

June 10-12. Handwriting for Local Historians. Tutor: Mr R L Greenall. Knuston  
Hall Residential College, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northants. S.A.E.

December 16-18. Conference of Young Archaeologists. Department of Archaeology,  
University of Leicester, Leicester.

## Residential courses arranged by the Adult Education Department of Leicester University at Knuston Hall

Preliminary programme for session 1977-78: full details are not yet ready but when  
available can be obtained from A E Brown, Staff Tutor in Archaeology, Department of  
Adult Education, The University, Leicester. No applications should be sent to Knuston  
Hall until the arrangements for these courses are finalized. If you wish to be  
added to the Department's mailing list, please contact Mr Brown.

Stonehenge and Avebury. 4-6 November 1977. Tutors: D D A Simpson and A Burl.

The Medieval English Village and its Fields. 11-13 November 1977. Tutors: C C Taylor,  
B K Roberts and A E Brown.

The British Mesolithic with particular reference to the Midlands. 13-15 January 1978.  
Tutors: P Mellars and A Saville.

Metalworking in Roman Britain. 17-19 February 1978. Tutors: H Cleere, R F Tylecote, R Hetherington, W Manning.

Field Archaeology and the Landscape. 31 March-7 April 1978. Tutors: A E Brown and C C Taylor.

Statistics for Archaeologists. 12-14 May 1978. Tutor: C Orton.

## EXHIBITIONS

April 23. Recent excavations at Towcester. South Northants. Archaeological Society display material from recent excavations, directed by George Lambrick for the NCC, at the Sponne School, Towcester, all day.

## NEWS

### County Archaeology Unit

During December 1976 and January 1977 the County Council, with the support of the DoE, appointed two Archaeological Assistants; in December, Glenn Foard, as Sites and Monuments Assistant, continuing the building up of the archaeological sites index.

In January, Lynn Dyson-Bruce, Post-Excavation Assistant, began a review of the backlog of unpublished excavations in Northamptonshire.

Towards the end of January the Unit moved from Wootton to County Hall and now occupies a group of offices above the George Row entrance. Visitors to the Unit should call at either entrance to County Hall (preferably George Row) from where the Unit can be contacted.

The Unit is attempting to establish a Parish Correspondent system, based on active local archaeological observers, maintaining regular contact with the Unit. Should you require further details, 'phone the Unit at Northampton 34833, ext.5235/6.

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### Peterborough

Exhibition - Peterborough's story from the dawn of history. An exhibition describing the work of archaeologists, including text, photographs, models, and an explanatory slide show and commentary at Peterborough Development Corporation, 3 Touthill Close, City Road, Peterborough, from Tuesday 26 April to Saturday 7 May (9.00am-9.00pm weekdays, 9.00am-5.00pm Saturdays, closed Sunday). For further information contact Mr P Ross. Tel. Peterborough 68931 Ext.439.

### Wellingborough and District Archaeological Society 1977 Programme

January 31	Dr H Bamford - "Briar Hill Excavations".
February 28	Miss J Swann - "Islamic Art and Architecture".
March 28	Dr D Sutherland - "Brixworth Church: The story of the stones".
April 25	Miss C Dallas - "Excavations at Castor Village 1973".
May 23	Members Evening - "Bring and Bygone".
June 27	Mr G Dring - "Evolution of Man".
July	Dating

August  
September 26  
October 31  
November 28  
December

Outing  
Annual General Meeting  
Film - "History of Iron and Steel".  
Open Night (All Hallow's Church Hall).  
To be arranged.

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 'Gaywood', 27 Park Road, Wellingborough at 7.30pm.

Northamptonshire Naturalists' Trust

Easter Fair to be held at Wellingborough Technical College on Saturday 2 April 1977 at 2.00pm-5.00pm. Arts and Crafts Display, Gift Stall, Produce Stall, Jumble Stall, Competitions and Raffle, Teas. Admission: Adults 10p, unaccompanied children 5p.