

NASNEWS



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EDITORIAL

I have just taken over as editor of NAS News from Mike Shaw. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank him for his past work as editor.

Now to introduce myself. I have been a member of NAS and a member of the Archaeology Unit for nearly 6 years. I am currently the supervisor at the Kirby Hall excavations near Corby. I am keen to receive contributions from as many of you as possible. I would like to bring out a newsletter at least every 2 months. Please send any thoughts you might have about the newsletter or any news about archaeological discoveries in the County or further afield or any meetings taking place in affiliated societies to me at the above address.

Tim Sharman.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Stanwick Roman Villa. Thursday 4 July. 6.45 p.m.

This meeting has been brought forward in the programme of events. The excavations are due to end this year so this will probably be our last opportunity to visit this important and extensive site. The car park for the site is situated close to the A605 Stanwick roundabout and is well signposted.

Borough Hill, Daventry. Wednesday 31 July. 6.45 p.m.

The Iron Age hillfort on Borough Hill is one of the largest in the country. It is not usually accessible to the public because of the B.B.C. transmitting station sited on the hilltop.

Directions. Approaching Daventry on the A45 from Northampton, turn right at the first roundabout and then right again at the second roundabout. You are now in Southbrook Road, continue along it for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and you will then see the road to the hillfort and the B.B.C. station winding away to your right.

Piddington Roman Villa. Thursday 22 August. 7.00 p.m.

Another opportunity to visit this well preserved site whilst the excavations are in progress.

Northampton Museum 22 September 2.00 p.m.

Correction Please note that the description for this tour in your programmes should read "an in-house tour of the exhibition held at Northampton Museum" and not the Archaeology Unit.

Friday 18 October. 8.00 p.m.

Roy Friendship-Taylor "Piddington Roman Villa"

This is a joint meeting with Mid NAG and will be held at the Palmer Block, Glapthorn Road, Oundle.

Friday 25 October. 7.45 p.m.

Professor John Collis, of Sheffield University "The Auvergne Survey: Iron Age Towns to the Samian Industry." Upper Nene Archaeological Society. St. Giles Church Centre, Northampton.

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 7 July

The Archaeology Unit's Neighbours, Mereway Fire Station, are having an Open Day. So come along, have some fun! It should be a great family day out.

20-22 September

A flower festival will take place at Kirby Hall, Corby.

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Alex Rollings

It is with deep regret that we have learnt of the sudden death of one of our founder members, Alex Rollings. Alex played a major role in forming The Federation of Archaeological Societies (forerunner of the County Society) back in 1966. His photographic work on excavations was of great value.

New Treasurer

Because of other commitments, our treasurer, Steve Young, would like to relinquish the post at the end of the financial year. If any member would like to carry out this work from next September would they please contact a committee member.

The County Records Office

The new County Records Office has been officially opened. The Office, which was formerly sited at Delapre Abbey, is now to be found in Wootton Hall Park in a brand new building at the back of The Archaeology Unit.

Kirby Hall

Excavation work at Kirby Hall will recommence at the beginning of July. Work on site was temporarily suspended during May and June for post-excavation work which took place inside the Unit.

During March and April some very important discoveries were made.

In March a large foundation for a previously unknown bow window was found beneath the pathway in front of the parlour room which forms part of the western facade of the Hall.

In April another bow window was discovered! This particular example was found beneath the turf in front of the east-facing cellar door at the back of the Hall.

Stanwick Roman Excavations

A significant recent find was a fragment of a stone relief depicting a nude male. We will probably see it and a whole host of other interesting finds on 4 July.

Subscriptions

Due to the increasing cost of producing the Journal, subscriptions will be raised from 1 September as follows (previous rates in brackets):

Individual £10 (7); Family £12 (8); Student £8 (5) Institution £15 (10)

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