

NASNEWS



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NEW JOURNAL EDITORS

At last we have found new editors for the Journal! The new editors are Elizabeth Musgrove and Martin Tingle. Elizabeth is a lecturer at The Nene College, whilst Martin is a Post graduate student at The University of Reading. They will be helping Roy Friendship-Taylor put the final touches to Journal No. 23 which should appear quite shortly and will be sent to all fully paid up members.

Journal 23 will contain the long-awaited Cosgrove report plus other items including an updated Notes section.

NEW TREASURER

We are pleased to announce that we have also found a new treasurer! Ian Barrie has kindly agreed to take over from Steve Young.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We are in the process of arranging a tour of the recently opened Northamptonshire Records Office in its new premises at Wootton Hall Park (adjacent to the Archaeology Unit). Full details will be given in the next edition of NASNEWS which I hope to bring out in March. The March edition will also give details of the A.G.M. which will take place during April.

Thursday 23 January 1992. 8.00p.m.

Mike King Macdona will be leading a seminar on 'Roman Military Equipment' at 86 Main Road Hackleton. Upper Nene Archaeological Society.

Friday 31 January. 8.00p.m.

The Upper Nene Archaeological Society will be holding a video evening at The Countryside Centre Guildhall Road.

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Kirby Hall

Work ended just before Christmas on the large stone bridge in the south-eastern corner of the gardens at Kirby Hall. Some interesting facts came to light about the bridge in between September and December.

We have discovered that the bridge was originally faced by 5 decorative arches instead of 4 as had originally been thought. We have also

discovered the original wooden pegs used for marking out the position of the arches prior to their construction! Other well preserved finds include large amounts branch fragments and twigs associated with trees or scrub that were probably growing in/around the large lake that existed to the east of the bridge in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries, plus a well preserved leather shoe which seems to be of similar date!

Piddington

The Upper Nene Archaeological Society have continued their excellent work at the site of Piddington Roman villa. As well as the cellar mentioned in the last NASNEWS, 2 new rooms to the south of the east wing have been found showing evidence of destruction by fire in the Antonine period. It has also been found that the bath house was constructed over the remains of an earlier wing.

Excavation work is continuing at Piddington every Sunday.

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank N.C.C. Archaeology Unit, Dennis Jackson and Roy Friendship-Taylor for information and help in producing this issue. I'm sorry it's been a shorter than usual NASNEWS, however if you have anything you would like to see included in the next issue please send it to Mark Curteis at the Museum in Northampton or to me or Dennis. I would particularly like to hear from our other affiliated societies if they have any important meetings they would like to advertise throughout the County.

Tim Sharman.