

NASNEWS



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THE JOURNAL

Excellent news! The Journal is being printed right now and we hope to start distributing it to all fully paid up members by the end of the month. The contents of The Journal include "The Roman Villa and Temple at Cosgrove" plus an article about an Iron Age pot from the same parish plus the Canons Ashby report and a fully revised notes section which includes a report from the large Petrofina pipeline project which crossed part of our county.

RECENT MEETINGS

A smallish but enthusiastic group of members turned up for a guided tour of the N.R.O. on Tuesday 14 April. Members were given an interesting look at the work of the N.R.O. when they were taken round both the public section and the parts of the building the public do not normally see.

An equally enthusiastic group of members were given an excellent guided tour of Peterborough Cathedral by Don Mackreth on Saturday 23 May.

More recently, on Tuesday 23 June Brian Giggins came to the rescue of NAS when he hastily arranged a tour of East Haddon church when our tour of Great Brington had to be called off at the last minute! Nevertheless, approximately 30 people turned up outside Great Brington church and then journeyed on to East Haddon where Brian gave an interesting and illuminating tour of the church. NAS sends a big thank you to the church warden for letting us in the church at such short notice.

EXCAVATIONS

Work has recommenced at Stanwick. This year Central Archaeological Services are examining a series of Prehistoric features to the south of the main villa site. Meanwhile quarrying has finally commenced on the site. NCC Unit is monitoring the quarrying and topsoil stripping.

To the south at Piddington, work continues on the Roman villa there. Some ditches of the 1st century a.d. have been found beneath the villa.

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition entitled "Northamptonshire's Hidden Castles" has been produced by the County Council Archaeological Unit. The exhibition is currently at Rockingham Castle and runs until October. It is well worth a visit and tells the fascinating story of the county's less well known castles such as Clifford Hill, Little Houghton and also the more famous such as Fotheringhay.

In Northampton the Central Museum and Art Gallery in Guildhall Road is having an annual art exhibition entitled "Art Indoors". 18 July-9 August.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 17 July 1992 6.30p.m.

There will be a joint meeting with the Thrapston District Historical Society for a guided tour of Ringstead, Denford and Raunds churches. In the last edition of NASNEWS the venue for meeting was given as Denford church. Will members please note this has now been changed to Ringstead church at 6.30p.m. The tour guide will be Hugh Richmond who has written numerous books and papers on architecture particularly church architecture. This promises to be an interesting and illuminating tour. Not to be missed!

UPPER NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 12 August 1992 8.00p.m.

William Foot will give a talk entitled "Maps in Archaeology" Preston Deanery church.

Saturday 15 August 1992 7.30p.m.

Len Morgan and friends will reconstruct Roman military equipment. Piddington villa.

Thursday 20 August 1992 8.00p.m.

Don Mackreth will talk about "Roman brooches". Preston Deanery Church.

Saturday 26 September 11.00a.m.-5.00p.m.

There will be a "Roman Fun Day" for children, parents and teachers at Hackleton Village Hall. Admission: Children £1. Accompanying adults Free.

NEW BOOKS

The Milton Keynes Archaeology unit has recently published a book entitled "Windows on the past". This well illustrated and informative book tells the fascinating story of Milton Keynes' past from Prehistoric times to the Present Day. It is in 215X215mm format, with 72 pages, plus over 150 colour and more than 70 black and white illustrations and plates. It is good value at £3.95 (+50p postage and packing) from:
The Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit, 16 Erica Road, Stacey Bushes,
Milton Keynes MK12 6PA or from W.H.Smith in Milton Keynes.

EARLS BARTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday 18 September

I have just been told that Mike Shaw of The Archaeology Unit will give a talk entitled "Recent Archaeological work in Northamptonshire". Further details in the next edition of NASNEWS.

THE NEXT EDITION OF NASNEWS

We hope to produce the next edition in August. This will contain full details of the A.G.M. this Autumn including a "prestige" speaker for the occasion.

If you have any news or views about NAS, The Journal or about archaeology in general please send them to me at the address on the front of this newsletter.

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