

NASNEWS



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NEW EDITOR

Unfortunately, Tim Sharman is no longer able to compile Nasnews due to other commitments. I would like to introduce myself as his successor (appointed in the face of stiff competition, of course) My name is Mark Porter, and for those of you who do not know me, archaeology is my hobby for the most part a fieldwalking survey of the North part of the county. I hope to produce regular and informative newsletters in the future.

THE JOURNAL

The journal is not yet ready for production, as the editors are awaiting more items of interest, and are unable as yet to give a publication date

EXCAVATIONS

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The Northants unit is currently working on Hampton Court, while just over the border in Leicestershire a limited excavation is taking place at Mill Hill, Medbourne, the site of a small R/B town near the Welland. This is being carried out by Leics. Unit.

Work continues at Piddington Villa, where probable proof of pre-Roman occupation has been found in the form of 2 post built round-houses. A mid first century BC potsherd was found in a post-hole, also found was some early first century AD pot.

LAST NAS AGM

A very good turnout, which heard an interesting talk by David Neal on Stanwick Villa. We wish him well in the preparation of his notes for publication.

FUTURE MEETINGS

On Tuesday 16th February the director of Leicestershire Museums Service Tim Schadla-Hall, is giving a talk titled 'One man and his bog' on a Mesolithic site in Yorkshire, looking at the ecology of nomadic hunters in the area. This takes place at 8.00pm at Nene College, Moulton Park Campus, in the Brampton Building, room 21. There is wheelchair access for any who may need it.

At the same venue, at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 9th March, Dr. Grenville Astill lecturer in Archaeology at Reading University, is giving a talk entitled 'Monasteries in the Midlands'. We hope as many of you as possible can come to these evenings.

UPPER NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On Friday 26th February Carolyn Wingfield will give a talk on Anglo-Saxon Bedfordshire.

On Friday 19th March Colin Baddeley will give a talk on Mancetter and surrounding area.

On Friday 23rd April Ros Tyrell will give a talk on R/B wall plaster.

The venue and time for all these is 7.45 pm at the Countryside Centre, Guildhall Rd, Northampton. (opposite Northampton Museum) Details from Roy or Liz Friendship-Taylor on Northampton 870312.

MID NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On Friday 12th February Mike Shaw of Northants Unit will give a talk on recent work in Northamptonshire.

On Saturday 27th Feb there will be a bus trip to the British Museum for the day. Depart approx. 8am, leave London approx. 4pm. Cost is £6.00 per head. You don't have to go to the museum if you wish to do something different while in London.

On Friday 19th March, Ian Meadows of Northants Unit will give a talk entitled 'Burials, bodies, & beheadings.'

The venue & time for the talks is the Palmer Block, Glapthorn Road, Oundle, at 8pm. Details on all three dates from Gill Johnston on 0832 273798.

MARKET HARBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Wednesday 10th February Heather Bird will give a talk on local deserted & shrunken villages.

On Wednesday 9th June there will be a guided tour of Lyddington Village Details to be arranged.

All the Society's meetings take place in Harborough Museum, at 7.45pm. Details of these & other activities from Tony Crowley on 0604 740448.

THRAPSTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday 18th February Mrs J. Harper & Mr. P. Morris will give a talk on the British Fire Mark. We are not sure what this is about. If anyone thinks that this may be of interest, details from Jim Sprigings on 0832 732702.

FURTHER INTEREST

The NAS would like to arrange a trip by car to a place or site of interest to members for its archaeology. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact me on 0536 726828, and we will see if one place is a preferred option.

If anyone has any items of interest to put in the next Nasnews, or views to express, please contact me by phone or letter.

Mark Porter.