

NASNEWS



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THE JOURNAL

Journal 24 is now with the printers and should be ready by the late summer.

GOODBYE TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT

The Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit will cease to exist at the end of June. From 1st July 1993 the Unit will be split between two new Departmental Divisions whose remit more closely reflects the structure of local government in the 1990s.

The present Curatorial Section which includes the Unit's Sites and Monuments Record, will link with members of NCC's Conservation Group, responsible for the built environment, to form 'NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HERITAGE' which will have responsibility for policy, conservation, interpretation, education and all other aspects of the management of Northamptonshire's historic environment.

The existing Contracts Section which carries out fieldwork will become 'NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY' and will continue to tender for field and consultative work in and outside the County.

The new branches will share existing offices at Wootton Hall Park, Northampton. 'Northamptonshire Heritage' will re-locate to 27 Guildhall Rd, Northampton later in the year (update in a later edition of NASNEWS).

Alan Hannan. Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

EXCAVATIONS

The Unit is currently excavating at Hampton Court Palace, recovering the layout of the formal gardens in the last years of William III. They are also excavating an area of Prehistoric and Roman remains at Wollaston. This work is funded by Pioneer Aggregates Ltd.

Dennis Jackson has been recording an early Iron Age site on a housing estate at East Hunsbury, Northampton.

The Upper Nene Archaeological Society are continuing their work on the Piddington Villa, where they are finalising work on the present area, preparatory to opening a new area this summer.

FUTURE MEETINGS

On Wednesday the 23rd June there will be a guided tour of Drayton House, near Lowick, commencing at 7.30. There will be a charge of around £3 each for this. Would people wishing to come please let me know as Drayton Estates would like to know how many will be attending (tel. 0536 420224)

On Tuesday July 6th there will be a guided tour of the village and castle earthworks at Lilbourne. Meet at the church at 7.45

UPPER NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On the 16th June there will be a concert of early music. (see the enclosed leaflet)

On the 26th June there will be a coach trip to Wales, visiting Caerleon, Caerwent, and Cardiff Museum, where there are some good current displays. Cost will be £10 per head. Please contact Roy or Liz Friendship-Taylor on Northampton 870312.

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

On the 29th June the Association have arranged a guided tour of Higham Ferrers in the evening. Please contact Mr Linfield on 0933 273747.

PUBLICATION

The County Unit has a list of publications covering many aspects of archaeology throughout the county, some at reduced prices. Please contact the Unit for details.

My thanks are due to those of you who phoned me with suggestions for a place to visit. These are being considered.

Anyone who has any comments or items for the next newsheet should contact me if they need advice.

Mark Porter