



## Newsheet of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

### FUTURE MEETINGS

#### The Annual General Meeting

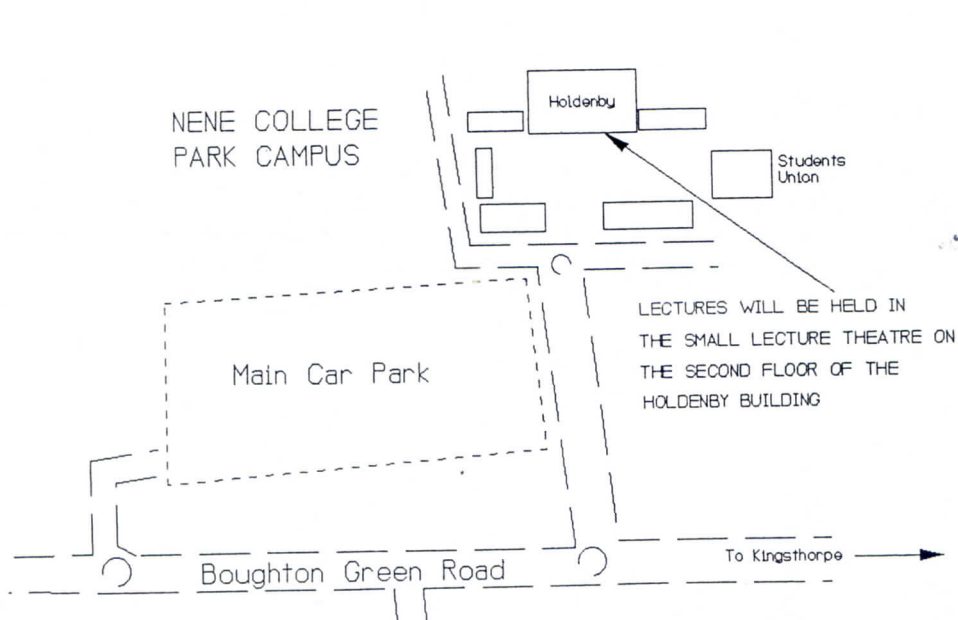
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th October, at the University Centre, Barrack Road, Northampton, commencing at 7.30. After the meeting there will be a talk by Mr David Hall. (see the chairman's report overleaf)

#### Meetings at Nene College, Boughton Green Road, Northampton.

Two Society meetings have been arranged at the college before Christmas and it is hoped to hold others in the new year. Details of the meetings to be held this year are as follows:-

Wednesday, November 10th. Dr Vince Gaffney of Birmingham University will give a talk entitled 'Archaeology and G.I.S. on the Dalmation Coast'.

Wednesday, December 8th. Dr Roy Entwistle of Reading University will talk about 'The Archaeology of the Salisbury Plain training area'. Both meetings commence at 8pm.



Northamptonshire Archaeological Society  
Chairmans report

As announced the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday, October 15th, and we hope as many people as possible will be able to attend.

After a short general meeting one of our members, Mr David Hall, will give an illustrated lecture entitled 'The Medieval Landscape.' Many of you will know that David is the Fenland Field Officer and a recognised authority on the medieval field system. For over 30 years he been walking the fields in the county and estimates he has now covered around 75% of the area.

The Society has held a number of both indoor and outdoor meetings in the past year and in general these have been reasonably well attended. The tour of Drayton House, Lowick, was particularly popular and our guide, Mr Bruce Bailey, had to cope with twice the anticipated number of people.

The indoor meetings were for the first time held at Nene College, Northampton, and a further series of meetings has been arranged at this venue this winter. Some members have had difficulty in finding the lecture hall so a map is enclosed with this newsletter.

We are expecting Journal 24 will arrive from the printers in time for the A.G.M. and can be distributed to members present. In the future it is hoped the journal will be published each autumn to coincide with the general meeting.

The Societies finances are stable with the sale of journals to libraries and institutions, throughout the country, a major source of income. On the adverse side the income from individual subscriptions has been disappointing, and despite reminders some members have still to pay their subs for 1992/3. The subscription rates for 1993/4 are unchanged and at £10 the journal alone is excellent value.

On a personal note I have now been chairman of the Society for the past three years and have decided that the time is now opportune to hand over the position to someone else. I still hope to be involved in the affairs of the society and will be acting as membership secretary whilst Richard Harper is living abroad. The Society is fortunate that Martin Tingle has agreed to be our future chairman. Martin has many contacts in archaeology and has carried out research in various spheres.

We are aiming to increase our membership and in my new role as membership secretary may I ask members to recommend any interested friends or acquaintances who may like to join. Back-numbers of the journal are available at reasonable prices.

Dennis Jackson



secretary. Details of this meeting and the winter lecture programme will be circulated later.

The Upper Nene Archaeological Society are organising a day seminar entitled "From Round House to Villa" and various speakers will be contributing. The meeting will be held in the Spinney Hill School for Girls, Northampton, on October 9th, starting at 9.30. The admission fee is £10.

The Mid-Northants Archaeological Society will be holding a Meeting at the Palmer Block in Oundle on Friday 1st October, starting at 8pm. There will be a lecture by Mr Jonathan Wallis entitled "Archaeological conservation: why bother ?"

#### EXCAVATIONS

Piddington. Excavations by the Upper Nene Arch Soc are continuing on the villa site and a new area has recently been exposed. This has revealed a hypocaust system and a possible bathhouse.

Laxton. A section across a Roman road at Laxton has confirmed its alignment. The project was organised by Mark Porter and carried out with the assistance of Gill Johnston and Burl Bellamy.

Mark Porter

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