

NASNEWS

FEBRUARY 2001

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please ensure prompt arrival for all field visits

Abington Deserted Medieval Village & Hall: Mark Curteis of Northampton Museum will lead a tour of the medieval and post-medieval village earthworks and of the nearby Manor, both located in Abington Park, Northampton itself a historic parkland gem. Meet outside entrance to Abington Park Museum, in Northampton (SP 774 614) **2 pm Saturday 2nd June.**

Piddington Roman Villa: An opportunity to visit these important ongoing excavations being conducted by the Upper Nene Archaeological Society. Update on this season's work. **2pm Sunday 9th September.** Meet outside Piddington parish church (SP 800 545). Boots advisable.

Advance Notice: Archaeology in Northamptonshire Day Conference being organised by NAS is planned for **Saturday 24th November 2001.** Venue and other details to be confirmed. The conference, timed to co-incide with the launch of a book of the same title (details also to follow), will provide overviews of the archaeology on Northamptonshire from the palaeolithic to the modern era.

Proposed Coach Day-Trip to the National Monuments Record Swindon with en route visits to select Berkshire field monuments. The NMR is an outstanding resource, an archive on the architecture and archaeology of England which includes over 12 million items including aerial photographs, drawings, surveys and maps. If there is sufficient interest from members we hope to arrange a visit by coach with guided tour for Saturday 20th October. For additional interest Martin Tingle has kindly offered to guide visits to

Cost will depend on numbers but it is anticipated to be in the order of £10 - £20. Departure place and full itinerary to be confirmed.

We need to establish as soon as possible how many members would be interested in attending, prior to confirming coach & NMR booking. Please return the reply slip below (or email) if you are interested in attending and return to the Secretary or NASNEWS Editor by 24th March at latest. We need a maximum of 20 members.

Reply Slip

NAS VISIT TO NMR & BERKSHIRE FIELD MONUMENTS

I would be interested (subject to costs and timing) in attending this day trip by coach on Saturday 20th October 2001.

NAME(S):
Please print

ADDRESS:

Please return to Graham Cadman or Mark Curteis (addresses over page) by 24th March

National Science Week 16th – 25th March: The Brackmills Burial Exhib.

An exhibition at Northampton Museum devoted to the scientific analysis of an Iron Age burial recorded by Northamptonshire Archaeology in 1996 during pre-emptive recording on the line of a new Anglian Water pipeline. The exhibition will feature the unique lead torc found with the burial and include osteo-archaeological, metallurgical and scientific dating analysis of the discovery. Northampton Museum, Guildhall Road, Northampton.

St JAMES ABBEY – REPORT ON FIELD VISIT

On 10th February a field visit, arranged at short notice (our apologies to members we were unable to contact), was undertaken to the ongoing excavations at the site of the Augustinian St James Abbey, Northampton. Over 50 members turned out on a grey, bitterly cold morning for a tour from Andy Chapman of Northamptonshire Archaeology, the contractors undertaking the work. The site, until recently occupied by the Express Lifts (and wartime munitions) factory is now being developed for housing and the tour was thus conducted in the middle of a busy, and at times very noisy building site. Earlier evaluation trenching had identified the abbey church; the present work is focusing on recording of other structures, very largely robbed and on part of the abbey cemetery. Approximately 200 burials have been encountered to date. For the first time a clear plan of the location and extent of the Abbey buildings is emerging. The principal Abbey buildings are being preserved in situ under the new development. The current excavation on the burial ground will continue into March. The Society is grateful to Andy Chapman and Northamptonshire Archaeology for providing a rare opportunity to visit.

NO SUBSCRIPTION, NO JOURNAL

All members are reminded that subscriptions for 2000/2001 were due on 1st September 2000. Those not up to date will not receive the next copy of the Journal due out later this year. Subscription rates remain unchanged at £10 for individuals, £12 family, £8 student and £15 Local Association **Please send any outstanding subscriptions to Martin Tingle, The Dial House, High St, Creaton, Northants NN6 8NA as soon as possible.**

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A reminder that contributions of notes and submissions for 'Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1999' in the next edition of the journal *Northamptonshire Archaeology* are required no later than 31st March 2001. Please send all contributions to Martin Tingle (address below); ideally in Word format though other submissions are also welcome.

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The Society website can be found at:

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