

# NASNEWS

JANUARY 2001

## Mr PETER MYHILL

It is with great sadness that we report the death before Christmas of Peter Myhill, a long time member of South Northants Archaeological Society and member, past Treasurer and Council member of NAS. It is hoped to include an obituary in a future NAS publication.

## NAS AGM 2000

At the NAS AGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed a new Council member – Mr Michael Webster. A good attendance was present at the following public lecture given by Dr Richard Jones of Birmingham University on the Whittlewood Project. We heard how this multidisciplinary study sponsored by the Medieval Settlement Research Group, aims to explore the origin and survival of settlement within Whittlewood, one of the areas of medieval forest which spanned the Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire border. The Project is utilising documentary, archaeological and historic building study and fieldwork and is keen to involve members of local history and archaeology societies in a voluntary capacity. For further details contact Richard Jones at the Dept of Medieval & Modern History, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT. email [r.l.jones.2@bham.ac.uk](mailto:r.l.jones.2@bham.ac.uk)

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS DUE

All members are reminded that subscriptions for 2000/2001 were due on 1st September 2000. 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.**

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FIELDWORK SUMMARY

A further issue of the local fieldwork summary covering the period April to November 2000, compiled by Northamptonshire Heritage, has been distributed to those members who requested distribution by email. Any members wanting to receive a copy through the post should contact Martin Tingle or Graham Cadman.

## POWER OF PLACE

The much anticipated review of the historic environment was published on 14th December by English Heritage on behalf of the Departments of Culture, Media and Sport and Environment, Transport and the Regions. Called *Power of Place: The Future of the Historic Environment*, the report emphasises that most people place a high value on the historic environment. There are 18 main recommendations, which according to English Heritage, would, if implemented ‘..transform the role that historic landscapes, buildings and archaeological sites of England play in our national life’. A Government response to the proposals is expected in March 2001. An initial read through suggest that the report is long on words but short on radical proposals. An Internet copy is available at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/discovery/heritage-review](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/discovery/heritage-review) or alternatively call English Heritage Customer Services on 01793 414586.

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY**

Martin Tingle, Honorary Editor has commenced compilation of Volume 29 of the journal. Some papers have been received, others welcome. **Contributions of notes and submissions for 'Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1999' are required no later than 31st March 2001.** Please send all contributions to Martin Tingle (address below); ideally in Word format but all other submissions welcome.

## **FORTHCOMING LECTURES**

*The Neolithic & Roman Uses of Causewayed Enclosures in South West England* - Martin Tingle. Upper Nene Archaeological Society. Northamptonshire Record Office, 7.30pm Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January.

*Creton: The First Half Million Years* - Martin Tingle. Friends of Creton Church. St Michaels Church, Creton, 7.30pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Tickets £2 on the door, including refreshments.

*Castles & Hinterlands in Medieval Europe* - Univ of Oxford Dept for Continuing Education weekend school, Rewley House, Oxford 9<sup>th</sup> - 11th February 2001. Tel: 01865 270380.

## **IN TOUCH WITH THE PAST - 2000 YEARS OF NORTHAMPTON'S HERITAGE**

A special 'hands-on' exhibition looking at important periods in the history of Northampton from prehistoric times to WW2. The exhibition allows touching of many objects. There are lots of things to do including grinding corn using an Iron Age quern, help to defend a medieval castle, trying on Civil War armour, pretending to be a Victorian school child or imagining life in a war-time shelter. Other items available to touch include Stone and Bronze Age artefacts, Norman pottery, stone from Northampton castle and bone identification along with quizzes and things to colour. 26<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Abington Museum, Abington Park, Northampton. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday 1 - 4pm (1 - 5pm from 1<sup>st</sup> March).

## **TREASURE ACT REVIEW**

The Secretary of State undertook to review the 1996 Treasure Act Codes of Practice three years after the Act came into force. The Department of Culture, Media & Sport issued a consultation paper in December on the review. This deals principally with the definition of treasure and the administrative arrangements of the treasure system. It is intended to encourage wide-ranging discussion. Rhiannon Harte, Northamptonshire Finds Liaison Officer has a copy of the review. To view this or for other information about the Treasure Act or the free identification and recording of metal detected and other finds undertaken by the Northamptonshire Finds Liaison Officer, contact Rhiannon Harte at Northamptonshire Heritage, PO Box 163, County Hall, Northampton NN1 1AX. Tel: 01604 237249 Mobile: 079001511739

Happy New Year to all!

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