



NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society



Website: www.northants-archaeology.org.uk

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Our intention was to get this newsletter out for the beginning of July to cover all events of the Festival of British Archaeology, but we haven't quite made it and the annual English Heritage extravaganza at Kelmarsh Hall will already have happened the weekend before this arrives.

THE JOURNAL: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY, VOLUME 37

The delay to the newsletter was caused by the need to get the journal completed and off for typesetting to ensure that it will be ready for the AGM in November. That has now been achieved, so all members will have a journal at the end of the year.

For the first time we have managed to create a journal built around a theme: Neolithic and Bronze Age Northamptonshire. An introductory essay is followed by several articles reporting sites and finds ranging in date from the Middle Neolithic to the dawn of the Iron Age, including the first reporting of an exceptional Middle Neolithic pit deposit at Banbury Lane, Northampton containing the partial disarticulated bones of perhaps some 130 people.

The second half of the volume contains the more usual mix of articles, ranging from the most recent trial trenching at Hunsbury hill, through the interpretation of the 12th-century tympanum at Pitsford Church, and ending with another in our developing series on recent buildings, an account of a group of World War II Nissen huts at Chelveston airfield.

There will also be a Notes section covering the work of the Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) and recent publications, and Archaeology in Northamptonshire will summarise work around the county through 2010 and 2011.

We hope in future volumes to be able to continue to devote at least half the journal to a period theme, and already have outline plans for Iron Age and Roman volumes, and a medieval volume perhaps focussing on the archaeology of Northampton.

SUMMER EVENTS

CBA

**Festival of British Archaeology
Saturday 14th to Sunday 29th July**

Archaeological allsorts

Sat, 21 July; 09.30-16.30

Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research Society (HiFARS), with Northamptonshire Archaeology and the Finds Liaison Officer - displays, hands-on fun, tours of the Castle fields. Free admission.

Location: Chichele College, College Street, Higham Ferrers. Midway between Kettering and Bedford just off the A6/A45 roundabout. Follow local signs for Higham Ferrers. College Street is just off the Market Square in the centre of Town, see sign post near Beans coffee shop - brown English Heritage sign on lamp post opposite marks the College entrance. No parking at the site, use car parks on Market Square and Saffron Road.

Name: Olwen Mayes **Tel:** 07904 014750

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NAS will be represented at this event, advertising the society and selling back copies of journals and Dennis Jackson's autobiography at discount prices.

Archaeological walk at Towcester

Wed, 25 July; 19.00

An archaeological walk around Towcester led by Brian Giggins. Start at 7pm at Richmond Road Car Park. End at the Brave Old Oak where there will be a small display of the history of the inn, and society publications for sale.

Location: Starting at Richmond Road Car Park, Towcester.

Org: Towcester and District Local History Society

AUTUMN EVENTS

Heritage Open Days

6-9 September 2012

Events will be listed online from mid-July at:
<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/>

Northampton Heritage Fair

Sat, 8 Sep; 11.00-16.00

Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms,
Sheep Street, Northampton NN1 2LZ

A hands-on history event with displays from local history groups, illustrated lectures, and introductions to research etc.

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NAS Archaeology Day, Wellingborough Museum

Sat, 6 October; 10.00-16.00

NAS will host a gathering of local societies to promote their activities. Any society that we haven't already contacted about this event who would like a table to promote the activities of their group, please contact the editor.

CBA South Midlands:

Autumn meeting and AGM
Stanwick Lakes Visitor Centre

Sat, 13 October; 10.00-16.00

It is again the turn of Northamptonshire to host the autumn meeting and AGM for the CBA South Midlands group. There will be a series of lectures through the day, including accounts of the recent work at Irchester Roman town and a look back at the Stanwick Roman villa excavations from the 1980s. The day will end with Andy Chapman providing his 'Walk through Time'.

Northamptonshire Association for Local History: Heritage Day

**Sulgrave's Story from Saxon Hall &
Norman Castle to Tudor Manor House**

Saturday, 27 October, 9.00 - 15.45

**Speakers: Brian Davison, Colin Wootton and
Martin Sirot-Smith.**

Plus guided walks to the castle site led by Brian Davison.

£17.50 per person including all refreshments and a hot lunch

Further details and booking form from Dr T J Waterfield, 6 Bakers Lane, Norton, Daventry, NN1 2EL

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30th BRIXWORTH LECTURE

Visualising Times and Nature in Anglo-Saxon England

**Professor Faith Wallis of McGill University,
Canada**

27 October 2012; 5.00 pm in Church

Tickets £5.00, which includes a buffet tea, can be obtained closer to the date. Buffet will be served in the Heritage Centre prior to the lecture at 4.00pm.

Further details from:

<http://www.friendsofbrixworthchurch.org.uk/>

NAS AGM

Provisional date: Thursday, 8 November
The Humfrey Rooms of the
Northamptonshire Natural History Society
Castilian Terrace, Northampton

Speaker: Professor Chris Dyer, Leicester University, on an aspect of medieval villages, title to be confirmed.

Collect your 2012 journal and save the society some postage and packing costs.

NAS ON FACEBOOK

A reminder that we have a Facebook page where we can add up to date information, particularly of events that fall between our paper Newsletters:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northamptonshire-Archaeological-Society/150763944988956>

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