

# NAS NEWS

## Newsheet of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Following last years highly successful 'self drive' field trips, two more have been arranged for this summer and it is hoped to run a third to the Raunds Area Project excavations during October (date to be confirmed). In September the Society is running a pottery day school and a coach trip. These ventures need your support if they are to be successful. For those trips with reply slips - please book early to avoid disappointment! Please note that family and friends are always welcome on all NAS trips, lectures and visits.

### Summer Programme Diary Dates:(details below or enclosed)

CANONS ASHBY field trip ..... Sunday July 19th.  
FLAG FEN field trip ..... Sunday August 16th.  
ROMAN & MEDIEVAL POTTERY DAY SCHOOL. Sunday Sept. 6th.  
CRESSWELL CRAGS & REPTON coach trip. Sunday Sept. 20th.  
RAUNDS AREA PROJECT field trip ..... date to be confirmed

### CANONS ASHBY field trip. July 19th.

Guided visit to the famous house, Augustinian priory church and the earthworks of the deserted village. Followed, if time permits, by a tour of the earthwork castles of Sulgrave, Weedon Lois and Culworth. Trip to be lead by Mr Glenn Foard.

The Society visit will start from the Canons Ashby National Trust car park at 2pm. Entry to the house costs 2 pounds for non National Trust members. Before the trip the Society has arranged a room at the Red Lion Inn in Moreton Pinkney (one mile south of CA) from 12.30pm where a range of reasonably priced hot and cold meals may be obtained.

Canons Ashby lies about 12 miles south west of Northampton on the B4525. Please let the Council know if you require transport to Canons Ashby.

### Autumn & Winter Programme 1987/88

The winter season of lectures will commence on Thursday 8th October with a lecture on NORTHAMPTON CASTLE by Mr Andrew Chapman. The venue, providing conversion work is completed, will be the new lecture theatre at Northampton museum at 8pm. As the museum remains open until 8pm on Thursdays this will provide an opportunity to visit a new museum display on the castle prior to the lecture. Confirmation of the venue will be given in the September newsletter as will as details of the rest of the winter lecture programme.

### UNIT MOVES

As from April 1987 the County Archaeology Unit has moved to: Bolton Hse. Wootton Hall Park, Mere Way, N'ton. NN4 9BE. Tel:700495

## THE JOURNAL - GOOD NEWS!

Volume 20 of Northamptonshire Archaeology is now at the printers and should be issued in late summer or early autumn. Its content includes a preliminary account of the Raunds Area Project and reports of excavations at Ashley, Grendon, Gretton, and Northampton, in addition to various notes and a summary of fieldwork and finds reported in the county in 1983-4. Publication has been delayed by initial difficulty of obtaining contributions and in awaiting approval of grant-aid from English Heritage (HBMCE): without this subvention the publication costs borne by the Society would be greatly increased.

Future issues of the Journal will contain the results of several major excavations in addition to reporting work on smaller sites. Notes of discoveries and fieldwork in 1985-6 should be sent by the 20th June at latest to the Editor. Mr B Dix, at NCC Archaeology Unit.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions fall due on 1st September. As announced at the recent AGM, the rates which have been unchanged in almost seven years will be increased at this year's renewal as follows:

Individual	7 pounds	Local Associations	8 pounds
Family	8 pounds	Institutions	10 pounds
Student	5 pounds		

If you make payment by standing order on your Bankers please notify them immediately of the required alteration.

## NASNEWS

As you'll have observed this is the first issue of a revamped Society newsheet. It will appear three times a year. Comments as to the content and format of NASNEWS are welcomed. The next issue will be in September..

## HISTORY NEWS

The Northampton Museum has recently announced its intention to discontinue the publication of 'History News'. If you have any views on the disappearance of this excellent publication please make them known by contacting the Museum curator, Miss S. Stone at the Guildhall Museum & Art Gallery, Guilhall Rd, Northampton.

## SUBSCRIBERS LIST

The Society hopes to circulate an updated subscribers list to members later in the year. If any members object to either their names or addresses being included or they wish to have their special interests noted in the list will they please inform the Chairman or Secretary to this effect.

It would also be of great assistance if members would check that the name and address details on the envelope containing this newsheet are correct. Please let the Chairman or Secretary know of any alterations or of any change of address.

## N.A.S. COUNCIL

Following the AGM held on May 5th, the NAS Council now comprises:

Chairman .....	Mr A.M.L.Rumbold	Secretary .....	Mrs W. Parry
Vice Chairman & Editor..	Mr B.Dix	Meetings Sec....	Mr S. Parry
Treasurer .....	Mr P.Myhill		

Ordinary members of the Council: G.Cadman, Mrs J.Johnson, Mrs S.Philips, M.Shaw, & S.Young

Local Society Representatives: Mrs D.Friendship Taylor (Upper Nene Arch. Soc.). Mr J.Hadman (Middle Nene Archaeol. Group). Mrs C.Woodfield (Wolverton & District Arch. Soc.). Mrs L.Lewis (W'boro. & District Arch. Soc.).

We hope to greet representatives of other affiliated local societies at our next Council meeting at the Manor Hse. Kettering on 15th July at 7.30pm.

Mr Paul Woodfield, the retiring Chairman, has been invited to become a Vice President in recognition of his sterling service to the Society.

NEW MEMBERS We are pleased to welcome the following: D.Dickson Smith, N'ton; S. Crutchley, Raunds; Mrs P.Anagnostelis, W'boro; Mr & Mrs Pedersen, Laxton; Mr T.Sharman, Raunds; Raunds & District Hist. Society; Mr A.Chapman, N'ton; Mr & Mrs Clift, Weedon Bec; Mr A.Antrobus, Raunds; Mr Alan Morris, Rothwell; Mrs P. Payne, Rothwell; Mr B.J.O'Connor, Edinburgh; R.C.Guest, Ringstead.