

# NASNEWS



## Newsheet of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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### THE JOURNAL

Hopefully by now you should all have received a copy of The Journal. If any members have not received it who have paid the full subscription please let us know.

### RECENT MEETINGS

Approximately 30 people turned up for a guided tour of Denford, Raunds and Ringstead churches on Friday 17 July. This was a joint meeting between NAS and The Thrapston & District Historical Society. The tour guide was Hugh Richmond who gave us a memorable and enthralling tour of the three churches. Of particular note were the fine Late Medieval wall paintings in Raunds church and the "sound holes" in Denford church which were presumably used for improving the acoustics in the chancel by filling small voids in the chancel wall with complete Medieval pots. Unfortunately only one complete pot survived. Nevertheless, it was an interesting and entertaining evening.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 19-Sunday 20 September 1.30-5.30p.m. at Rockingham Castle

The White Company presents: "Life in a Medieval Castle". This promises to be an action packed weekend with plenty of interest and excitement for everyone. There will be knights, ladies and minstrels, dancing, crafts, "mysteries" archery and skirmishes, home made cream teas and of course archaeologists. NCCAU will be giving a demonstration of the latest geophysical techniques used in the county.

If you visit the castle for this event, make sure you also look in on the excellent exhibition about "Northamptonshire's Hidden Castles". This exhibition by Marion Blockley formerly of NCCAU Curatorial Section is well worth seeing and throws light on many of the county's lesser known castles.

Admission for castle and grounds: Adults: £3.00 Children: 2.00  
Admission for grounds and exhibition only: £2.00 per head.

Friday 18 September 7.30 p.m.

Mike Shaw from the Contracts section of NCCAU will give a talk entitled "Recent Archaeological Work in Northamptonshire". The venue is Barker's Canteen in Earls Barton. Earls Barton Historical Society.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 15 October

Mr A. Idle will talk about the Poor Law in Islip and Thrapston.

Thursday 19 November

Mr. S. Parish will talk about "Life during the Civil War"

I apologise for not having the full details of these two meetings to hand but I believe they start at 7.30 p.m. and the normal venue is the hall on the northern side of the Market Place. (Ed)

MIDDLE NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Saturday 26 September

There will be four guided tours of the recently discovered crypt of Fotheringhay church. This promises to be a fascinating afternoon as the crypt at Fotheringhay church was reopened this year after having been sealed for many centuries. Tours take place at 2.30 3.00 3.30 and 4.00 p.m.

MARKET HARBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 11 November 7.45p.m.

In the Baptist Centenary Hall, Professor Charles Phythian-Adams of the Department of English Local History, Leeds University, will talk about "The Market Harboroughs Of England"

THE NAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 23 October 7.30p.m.

Our AGM takes place this year in The University Centre, Barrack Road, Northampton. This year we are pleased to announce that guest speaker for the meeting will be Dr. David Neal of Central Archaeological Services. Dr. Neal will be speaking about some of the excellent finds made at Stanwick Roman villa.

EDITORSHIP OF THE NEWSLETTER

This may be my last edition of the Newsletter. I am standing down because I intend to take a language night course this Autumn and also because I have decided to change my career in the long term and may be moving from the archaeological to the legal profession. I wish all of you and my successor the very best for the future.

Tim Sharman.