



## Newsheet of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

### A NEW GROUP IN KETTERING

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A new archaeological group is being set up in Kettering which is planning to organise lectures and set up a programme of fieldwalking, surveying and eventually excavations. Two of the leading lights in the group are Gary Arthur and Nigel Gilbert, both of whom are just about to complete degrees in archaeology at Leicester University. If you would like to be involved contact Nigel Gilbert (44 Windemere Rd, Kettering) or Gary Arthur (17, Edgell St, Kettering).

### THE NAS: MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

As members of this Society, particularly if you are unable to attend the AGM, you may sometimes have wondered as to the Society's general state of health. I am pleased to be able to report that in general the Society is thriving. We currently have 144 members, of whom 24% live in Northampton itself while another 34% live within the county. The remaining 42% are spread across 29 counties ranging from an ex-committee member Richard Harper, who lives near Helston in Cornwall to the distinguished lithicist, Alan Saville at the Royal Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. The prize for the furthest flung member however must go to Mr R Barcham of Dallas, Texas. Our journal, Northamptonshire Archaeology, is sent to 46 libraries including local institutions and most Universities at which archaeology degrees are taught. In addition, Northamptonshire Archaeology can be found on the shelves of New York Public Library, the Universities of Amsterdam, North Carolina, Harvard and Cornell and the Royal Academy of Letters in Stockholm. Although each copy Northamptonshire Archaeology now costs over £20 to publish, we have continued to receive publication grants from English Heritage and others which cover over half of these costs. At the last AGM the accounts of the Society showed a healthy surplus of £21,741.80. In view of this, the NAS Committee has decided to set aside 5% of the Society's assets to encourage archaeological research within the county.

### A NEW RESEARCH FUND FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

In the past, the N.A.S. has funded a number of small research projects on an *ad hoc* basis. Now it has been decided to earmark a specific sum for research and issue guidelines for those who wish to apply for a grant. The principal criteria are that the proposed research is mainly directed within the county and it is also a condition that anyone applying for a grant must be a member of the N.A.S. If you would like to a copy of the of the notes for applicants to the research fund, please write to the N.A.S. Secretary, Central Museum, Guildhall Rd, Northampton, NN1 1DP.

### ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MIDLANDS

A day school organised by CBA regional groups will be looking at recent major archaeological research projects in the Midlands on April 19th at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum in Coventry. For more details contact, John Haslem, 32 Turner Rd, Chapelfields, Coventry, CV5 8FT.

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