

NASNEWS



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ALAN HANNAN

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death, on August 26th at the age of 60, of Alan Hannan. Alan was the County Archaeologist for Northamptonshire from 1976 to his retirement in 1995 as well as a long term NAS member and former Council participant. Building on a tradition of archaeological fieldwork established by a range of individuals in the county, Alan Hannan's major professional legacy is that of the county's modern archaeological service, established during a period of unprecedented change in British archaeology.

An Australian by birth, Alan took a degree in archaeology at Birmingham. He conducted major excavations in Tewksbury before the move to Northamptonshire. His deep love of the English landscape and its past will be familiar to those who attended his adult education courses. This passion and his energy and commitment extended beyond archaeology to his family and to a wide range of other interests. Whatever he was engaged upon, the abiding memory is of a man who inspired real affection and respect. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Audrey and children Duncan and Camilla.

THE A.G.M.

The N.A.S. will be holding its A.G.M. at the University Centre on Barrack Road, Northampton on Tuesday, November 4th at 7.45 pm. Any nominations for election to the N.A.S. Council should be sent to "The N.A.S. Secretary, Central Museum, Guildhall Rd, Northampton" by Tuesday 21st of October. Immediately after the A.G.M. at 8 p.m. there will be a public Lecture by Dr Vincent Gaffney of Birmingham University entitled "Wroxeter and its environs: Mapping a Roman town". The lecture reports the surprising results of a recent research programme in which a range of remote sensing techniques were used within the Roman town at Wroxeter together with a series of excavations at villas and other sites in the surrounding area.

A VISIT TO AN IRON AGE SITE AT THE DAVENTRY RAIL FREIGHT TERMINAL

Northamptonshire Heritage have very kindly arranged for a visit by NAS members to the extensive Iron Age settlement complex which is currently being excavated in advance of construction work at Crick. Due to the shortening length of daylight and the fact that the team do not work at week ends, the visit has had to be arranged for the late afternoon of a week day, Wednesday, October 15th at 4pm. This will at least give retired members of the Society and those with "flexible" working hours the opportunity to visit the site. Members and their guests are requested to meet at 4 pm in the layby shown on the map overleaf.

SUBSCRIPTION SHOCK

Dennis Jackson, our long standing membership secretary has reported the unprecedented news that in the year 1996/97 over 90% of the membership paid its subscription on time or thereabouts. Well done everyone!! Since this years subs were due on the 1st of September, let us hope that a similar feat can be achieved in 1997/8. Subscriptions remain unchanged at £10 for individuals, £12 for families and £8 for students. Cheques should be sent to The N.A.S. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, 141 WINDINGBROOK LANE, COLLINGTREE PARK, NORTHAMPTON NN4 0XF. If by chance you were one of the 10 who forgot to pay last year , or paid less than the current subscription on your standing order, there will be a red star at the top of this page.

HISTORIC MAPS FOR SALE

Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Services have recently produced a list of 21 historic maps of Northampton and Northamptonshire which are for sale at prices ranging from 20p for Thomas Kitchens Map of 1752 to £20.0.0 for a hand coloured version of the 6 sheets making up Bryants 1824 -1826 survey of Northamptonshire. The latter is described as a particularly fine map showing towns, parishes, churches castles canals locks and even fox covers. For further information contact your local library or; Publications Department, Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Service, PO Box 259, 27, Guildhall Rd, Northampton NN1 B (Tel 01604 20262).

