



Newsheet of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

THE N.A.S. NOVEMBER CONFERENCE AND AGM

There are still a few tickets remaining for the Day Conference looking back at 25 years of archaeology in Northamptonshire. The conference will be held at the Park Campus of University College Northampton on Saturday 13th November from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tickets cost £2 each. The AGM will be held during the conference lunch break at about 1.40 p.m. Anyone wishing to seek election to the committee of the NAS should send their nomination to the secretary (c/o Central Museum, Guildhall Rd, Northampton, NN1 1DP) by November 1st. If you would like more details of the conference or would like to reserve a ticket please contact: Martin Tingle, The Dial House, High St, Creaton, Northants NN6 8NA or email: mtingle@compuserve.com.

ROMAN LEAD TANK FOUND

The Ise Archaeological Research Society have found part of a rectangular lead tank decorated with the chi-rho motif, while excavating a roman bath house near Wellingborough. These are rare early Christian objects are thought either to have been used for baptism or as stoups or storage containers for holy water. Only four other decorated examples are known in this country, one of which was found at Ashton (Northants) and is currently on display in Peterborough Museum. It is hoped that the new tank will eventually be displayed in Kettering Museum.

MAJOR EXCAVATION IN NORTHAMPTON DELAYED

A large excavation, which was due to commence shortly in the centre of Northampton, has been delayed once again. The site of the Barclay Card building in Marefair was originally to have been excavated by Museum of London Archaeological Services (MoLAS) and was expected to reveal important evidence of Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Northampton. However the original plans have since been revised with the dropping of a planned underground car park. This has led to a substantial revision of the development and its likely impact on any surviving archaeological deposits.

SEPTEMBER MEANS SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members are reminded that subscriptions for the coming year were due on September 1st. All subscriptions and membership queries should be addressed to Dennis Jackson, 141 Windingbrook Lane, Collingtree Park, Northampton.

IS THE STRIPE BELOW COLOURED IN BLUE OR RED ????

For most members, the stripe above will be white but for those of you who have not paid last years subscription the stripe will be blue. If the stripe is red, we haven't received a subscription from you for at least two years, in which case we will shortly be removing your name from our mailing list unless we hear from you to the contrary.

MR JACK SPRIGGINS

It was with great regret that the Society has heard about the death of Jack Spriggins, a leading light in the Thrapston Historical Society and a regular observer of NAS committee meetings. The NAS extends its sympathy to his widow Violet.