

NASNEWS

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NAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

7pm Wednesday 4th December, Jeffery Room, Northampton Guildhall

NAS will be holding its 2002 AGM on Wednesday 4th December. This year we are very fortunate to be able to hold the AGM in the Jeffery Room, in the splendid surroundings of Northampton's Guildhall, courtesy of Northampton Borough Council. The Guildhall is located on St Giles Square, in the centre of Northampton, at the top of Guildhall Road, a short distance from the Museum and Derngate Theatre. Plenty of public parking (Ridings or St Johns car parks) is available nearby. Doors will open at 7pm when free tea or coffee & biscuits will be served. The AGM will commence at 7.15pm sharp with a public lecture to follow at 7.30pm. The meeting is expected to be over by 9pm.

Please come along and support your archaeological society.

New nominations to the NAS Committee would be very welcome! Please send nominations to the Chair or Secretary (addresses below) as soon as possible.

At 7.30pm, following the AGM there will be a public lecture by Dr Chris Burgess entitled 'The Loch Doon Scandal – an archaeological tale of intrigue & mystery'. This promises to be a fascinating evening! Given the increased level of interest that has developed in recent years with recent military archaeology, it was felt that this should provide a focus for this years AGM lecture. Dr Burgess, Senior Archaeologist with Northamptonshire Archaeology will deal with the military archaeology of the World War One aerial gunnery school at Lock Doon in Ayrshire, southern Scotland and what became a national scandal over the use and misuse of Government funds at the school in the early 20th century. Chris, now based in Northampton but previously working in Scotland, led the team which carried out archaeological survey and recording at the site of the aerial gunnery school and uses this to bring to life a tale of real intrigue.

Members and non-members are all welcome. Free entry to all.

NAS Excavation Backfilling – Come and Help!

The old trench cut across an enigmatic earthwork at Stowe Nine Churches south of Weedon Bec and suspected to be of prehistoric date, was as reported in an earlier edition of NASNEWS, subject to re-excavation and recording by the Society last summer. An interim report is still available on the Society website at www.american.u-net.com/archaeol/home.htm#Events Volunteers are wanted to help with the backfilling and consolidation of the trench. This is provisionally planned for Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th November with a further work-party the following weekend if necessary. The work will involve barrowing in a large quantity of sand in order to carefully re-bury the exposed archaeology and backfill the trench. Stout footwear is recommended. Please bring a shovel along if you have one spare – if not we can lend you one! Please contact Martin Tingle (contact details below) if you would like to assist and in order to confirm start dates and times and

any other arrangements.

Northamptonshire Archaeology Volumes 30 & 31

Volume 30 is in preparation and will be available in the early part of next year. In the meantime work is already in hand preparing the follow-up Journal. The deadline for submission of *Notes* to the latter is 29 will be the end of March 2003.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members are reminded that subscriptions for 2002/2003 were due on 1st September 2002. Subscription rates are still unchanged at £10 for individuals, £12 family, £8 student and £15 Local Association. We would encourage members to sign up to Gift Aid as this provides some valuable additional income to your Society. **Please send subscriptions and requests for a Gift Aid form to Martin Tingle, The Dial House, High St, Creton, Northants NN6 8NA as soon as possible.**

We welcome items to include in NASNEWS. Deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the end of December 2002.

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