

# NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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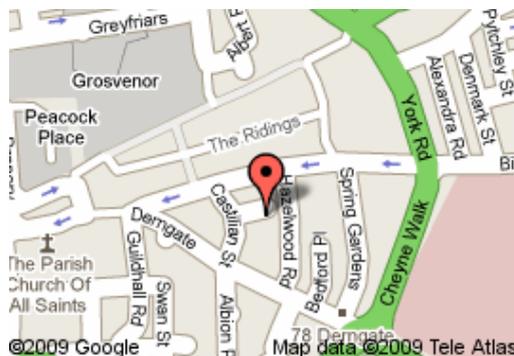
**October 2009**

**NAS AGM and Public Lecture**

**Tuesday, 10th November**

**The Humfrey Rooms**

**10 Castilian Terrace, Northampton, NN1 1LD**



After many years at the Guildhall, a substantial increase in charges has led us to look elsewhere, and the society would like to thank the *Northamptonshire Natural History Society* for making their rooms available, and we are also grateful to Martin Weaver who is sponsoring this year's Annual General Meeting and public lecture.

**Doors open at 6.30pm, with refreshments provided. The AGM begins at 7.00pm.**

Anyone wishing to be nominated for the committee should notify the Secretary in advance, together with the names of two members to nominate and second their application. If there is an enthusiastic member with the time and energy to organise a series of monthly spring lectures in the Northampton area please come forward and join the committee.

**The AGM will be followed by the annual public lecture at 7.15pm**

**Andy Chapman**

**Senior Archaeologist, Northamptonshire Archaeology**

## **VILLAGE ORIGINS: RAUNDS, FURNELLS MANOR AND WEST COTTON**

From the 1970s and through the 1980s Northamptonshire County Council and English Heritage jointly ran the Raunds Area Project, an examination of a Nene valley landscape through fieldwalking, open area, trial excavation and documentary research. Andy Chapman joined the excavation team at Furnells manor in 1978 and was senior supervisor through the five seasons of excavation at the deserted medieval hamlet of West Cotton, 1985-89. Having failed to escape from the clutches of the project he has also been responsible for bringing both sites to publication. Tonight he will tell the story of these excavations and the major contribution they have made to our understanding of late Saxon village origins.

## SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

A reminder for those who do not pay by direct debit that subscriptions were due in September, apart from those who joined this summer onward. The committee had agreed earlier in the year that as the subscription rate has not changed for many years and there was now the extra cost of producing the journal in colour, a rise in subscriptions was justified. But at a subsequent committee meeting it was agreed that we would defer implementing the rise given the current recession and the healthy state of the societies finances. So, the rates remain at:

£10 individual membership, £12 family membership, £8 students, £15 local associations and £25 institutions. Cheques payable to Northamptonshire Archaeological Society. Send to: Pat Chapman, NAS Membership Secretary, c/o Northamptonshire Archaeology, 2 Bolton House, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton, NN4 8BE.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY

Following last year's bumper issue, which arrived in time for the AGM in November, I am afraid that this year we have fallen behind with the preparation of the journal. However, it will still appear and everyone who has paid their membership for this year will receive a copy. We hope to have production completed by the end of the year with the prospect of the journal appearing in the spring, hopefully by Easter at the latest.

## DENNIS JACKSON - A REMARKABLE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGIST

We are also working with Dennis and his son Stephen on the editing of Dennis's autobiography. Hopefully this will appear in 2010 as a society publication. It will be on sale to the public, but will be available to members at a reduced rate. Dennis's excavations from the 1960s onward, particularly his work on Iron Age settlement, have been of such importance that Professor Barry Cunliffe has contributed a glowing foreword in praise of this remarkable archaeologist.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY ONLINE

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) has installed the first batch of our journals onto *ArchLib: An online library of publications for archaeology*. Either go on the CBA website (<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/>) and follow the links through Publications to the ArchLib site, or go directly to the ArchLib site (<http://archlib.britarch.net/>).

Currently available are Bulletins 1-8, as complete volumes, while Journals 9-19 are available article by article. Journals 20-29 are with the CBA and should be available soon. We are making the contents of these earlier volumes available free of charge to all, while for articles in the last five years there will be a charge of £4 per article. Any income will be shared between the society and the CBA.

## SOME WINTER LECTURES

**Saturday, 7 November 2009, The 27th Brixworth Lecture** will be given by Dr Richard Gem at 5pm in All Saints' Church, Brixworth on '**Architecture, Liturgy and Romanitas at All Saints' Brixworth**'. Tickets available in advance or on the door at £5, which includes tea in the Heritage Centre from 4pm. Full details are on the Brixworth Lecture Series website ([www.le.ac.uk/hi/news/brixworth.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/hi/news/brixworth.html)).

**Thursday, 3 December 2009, The Historical Association: Northampton Branch** at 7.30pm, Dr Matt Edgeworth, '**Saxon Bedford and Wallingford: Recent Excavations**'. These are two towns whose early form and history has close parallels with the contemporary development of Northampton. Meetings are held at the University of Northampton's Park Campus, Boughton Green Road. The visitors' car park is located at the front of the campus and the meeting will be signposted.

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*All welcome - free entry*

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