



NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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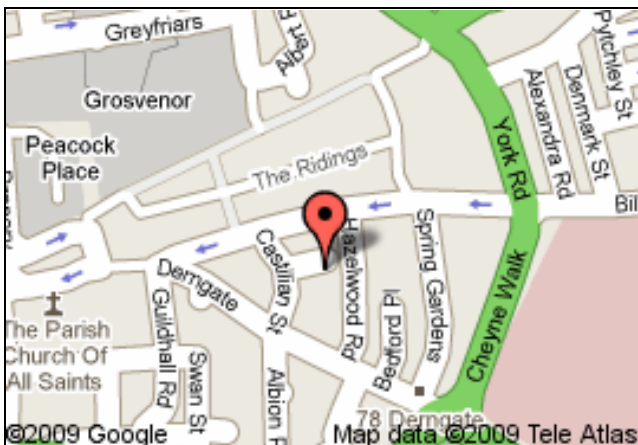
October 2015

NAS AGM and public lecture

Thursday, 26 November

The NAS Annual General Meeting will be held in the Humfrey Rooms of the Northamptonshire Natural History Society:

**10 Castilian Terrace
Northampton NN1 1LD**



There will be tea/coffee and biscuits from 6.30pm, with the NAS AGM at 7pm:

Officers' reports

Statement of accounts

Election of members of council

The public lecture will start at c.7.20 pm.

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of the River Nene. The focus will be on the period between the late 3rd and early 7th centuries AD.

NAS COMMITTEE

Anyone wishing to join the committee to help keep the Society running, and who can bring in new energy and fresh ideas, please step forward.

New candidates should notify the Secretary in advance, together with the names of two members to nominate and second their application (or they can be nominated on the night).

Standing for re-election to the committee:

Chair: David Waller

Vice-chair: Steven Hollowell
Graham Cadman, Brian Giggins and
Roy Friendship-Taylor

Secretary and journal editor
Andy Chapman

Membership secretary
Pat Chapman

Treasurer
Carol Holmes

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

A reminder for those who do not pay by direct debit that subscriptions were due in September, apart from those who joined from this summer onward. We have also made a small increase to the subscription rate, and would ask all those paying by Direct Debit to adjust the amount owing accordingly.

£12 individual membership,
£15 family membership, £10 students
£10 local associations, £25 institutions

Cheques payable to Northamptonshire Archaeological Society: to Pat Chapman, NAS Membership Secretary, 4 Oat Hill Drive, Northampton, NN3 5AL.

Summer meeting A walking tour of Towcester

Thursday, 30 July at 7.30pm
led by Brian Giggins

Some twenty NAS members came along for an entertaining and informative walking tour of Towcester.

The meeting ended with a visit to Towcester Museum, although a select group also paid an educational visit to Towcester Mill Brewery in Old Towcester Mill.



33rd Annual Brixworth Lecture

Saturday, 7 November 2015 at
5.00pm in the Church

Mercia and Wessex c.800: Connections and Conflicts, presented by Barbara Yorke, Emeritus Professor in Early Medieval History, University of Winchester.

The annual Brixworth Lecture is always well worth attending for the lecture itself, the chance to spend some time sitting in Brixworth Church and, last but not least, the excellent pre-lecture tea served in the nearby Heritage Centre from 3.30pm.

Celebrating 150 years of Northampton Museums & Art Gallery

The exhibition showcases 150 objects which show the richness and diversity of the collections from 1865 to the present day and look to the future of the museum as it begins its exciting new development.

The exhibition will feature well known objects that have been displayed at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and Abington Park Museum over the years, alongside some less well known. Celebrating 150 Years of Northampton Museums & Art Gallery will run until Sunday 15 November. Entry is free.

At the same time, in the ground floor gallery you could visit:

Whose Round is it?

A History of Brewing in Northampton, open until Sunday 31 January 2016, will explore the role of brewing and pubs in

Northampton from the medieval malting kiln recently excavated at Angel Street; through the large scale brewers of the 19th century, when there were 60 pubs brewing their own beer and 15 larger scale breweries just within Northampton, to the modern breweries both large and small.

British Museum **Celts: art and identity**

Open until 31 January 2016, so make a winter trip to London, after booking online first, of course.

This is the first major exhibition to examine the full history of Celtic art and identity. The story unfolds over 2,500 years, from the first recorded mention of 'Celts' to an exploration of contemporary Celtic influences. Discover how this identity has been revived and reinvented over the centuries, across Britain, Europe and beyond.

From the depths of the River Thames come magnificent Iron Age treasures such as the Waterloo helmet and Battersea shield. Roman jewellery, early medieval manuscripts and crosses, a Liberty tea set and even a modern football shirt tell a constantly evolving British and Irish story. Major loans, such as the spectacular Gundestrup cauldron, reveal profound cultural connections across Europe.

'a stupendous display of Celtic art', *The Guardian*.

Paul Blinkhorn **The archaeology of Anglo-Saxon and Viking England**

Twelve weekly talks in the upstairs bar of the Olde England pub, Northampton, at 8pm on a Monday night, starting 30 November. Tickets are £3 per week, available from the upstairs bar of the pub, which has 25 different real ales and 10 different ciders. There is a beer-break in the middle of each talk.

Northamptonshire Archaeology **Volume 38, 2015**

The new edition of the journal is finally nearing completion and will be typeset and printed for us by 4Word of Bristol.

Unfortunately, it will not be available for distribution to members at the AGM, but it will arrive in the New Year to provide reading for the long winter nights, at around 250 pages, a little under 250,000 words, with even more on an attached CD.

As a taster, these are the main articles:

Introduction to volume 38: 40th anniversary issue, Andy Chapman
The development of Archaeology in Northamptonshire to 1980, Robert Moore
Forty years of Northamptonshire Archaeological Society and its journal
Andy Chapman

A short history of Northamptonshire Archaeology, Andy Chapman

Neolithic pits at Brackmills Point, Northampton, Jason Clarke

A Beaker burial and Iron Age driveway on the Elton Estate, Warmington, Pip Stone

A pit alignment, Iron Age settlement and Roman cultivation trenches west of South Meadow Road, Upton, Northampton, Gavin Speed

An Iron Age and Roman settlement at Mawsley New Village, Great Cransley, Kettering, James Harvey

A Roman farmstead at North Lodge, Barnwell: Excavations 1973-88, Stephen G Upex

The Lands and Landscape of the Priory of Fineshade, Burl Bellamy and Gill Johnston

From Hillfort to Mansion: Excavations at Fineshade Abbey, Gill Johnston and Burl Bellamy

The Fishmarket and Greyfriars Bus Station, Northampton, Amir Bassir

There are also a number of notes, a review of recent publications and the annual roundups for 2012 and 2013.

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Followed at 7.20 by a public lecture -*

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