



NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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NAS AGM and public lecture

Monday, 18 January 2021

The NAS Annual General Meeting will be held online via ZOOM, so I'm afraid you will have to arrange your own tea/coffee and biscuits.

Details of how to log in to the AGM will be distributed to anyone who has registered in advance by email to NAS196674@gmail.com, and Brian Giggins, who is hosting the link, will send out invitations with a link to join.

NAS AGM

Chair: Mike Curtis

Officers' reports

Statement of accounts

Election of Hon. Officers and other members of Council. The following are all willing to stand for re-election:

Andy Chapman: Secretary, Editor and Treasurer

Rob Atkins: Meetings Secretary

Mark Holmes: NAS NEWS editor

Pat Chapman: Membership Secretary

Other members of council:

Mike Curtis, Graham Cadman, Steven Hollowell, Brian Giggins, Roy Friendship-Taylor, Adam Sutton

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.

PUBLIC LECTURE

The AGM will be followed by a public lecture by committee member Brian Giggins.

Historic town buildings of Northamptonshire



Welsh House, Market Square, Northampton

Town buildings are a challenging subject for the building historian; each generation of owners and occupiers leave their mark in the way of changes until there is often little left of the original fabric.

There is often an abundance of documentation relating to towns but discovering those documents relating to a single building is often very difficult.

The towns of Northamptonshire contain some interesting examples of buildings ranging back to at least the 15th century. In this illustrated talk Brian Giggins, formerly the planning archaeologist for Milton Keynes, will be looking at examples in Burton Latimer, Raunds, Wellingborough, Northampton and Towcester that he has been involved with since moving to the County in the 1970s.

Market Square, Northampton

And in related news, our committee member Graham Cadman passed by the old Shipmans pub off the Market Square in the centre of Northampton and took this photo. As you may know, the building is undergoing refurbishment and the whole of the eastern elevation has been stripped of render to expose a wonderful view of its multiple phases of brick and stone work.



Shipmans, Market Square, Northampton

For those of you who are able to get out and about into the centre of Northampton at the moment, it's well worth a look and will serve as an appetiser for Brian's AGM lecture.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

A reminder for those who do not pay by direct debit: subscriptions were due in September, apart from those who joined within the past few months whose membership will run through to next September. We would ask all those paying by Direct Debit to check that they have adjusted the amount paid according to the subscription rates as increased a few years ago, mainly to take account of the increased costs of posting the journals.

Membership fees:

£12 individual membership,
£15 family membership, £10 students
£15 local societies,
£25 educational institutions and libraries

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

FIFTY YEARS OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY GOES ONLINE

It's been a long journey but we have finally got there, and all back issues of *Northamptonshire Archaeology* are now available online, free to all, with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS).

The process actually started in the late 2000s in getting the old paper journals scanned to pdf format, sending them off in small batches. This cost the society a little over £1000.00 in total.

Having achieved that, the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) had set up an online Archaeology Library and we joined, together with a few other county societies. So for a few years pdf copies of articles were available online, but the library never grew as hoped, and was poorly advertised by the CBA so it became lost and forgotten on their website, and was eventually closed down through lack of use.

However, we had always planned to go to the ADS anyway, as this has become the national centre for archaeological digital archives. In order to get online though, you have to compile all the metadata and then record it on a spreadsheet, which for 41 volumes containing over two hundred main articles, over a hundred notes, the annual roundups and various other contributions, resulted in a spreadsheet containing 1416 lines of data, with a lot of columns per line.

Last year the 2004 monograph, *The Archaeology of Northamptonshire*, was used as a trial run of the system, so that is already available on ADS, on this link:

<https://doi.org/10.5284/1050887>

Now, through lockdown, the spreadsheet was completed and ADS have created the online library. This has cost NAS a little over £2000.00, which covers the setting up of the journal on the system and its future curation. For additional fees, we will also be able to add future issues as well, with a built in delay following publication before they become freely available to all.

The journal is available on this link:

<https://doi.org/10.5284/1083067>

Please go and have a look, and you can download copies of any older issues that you don't have as paper copies. We will also be issuing a press release, which hopefully might get so local coverage beyond NAS membership.



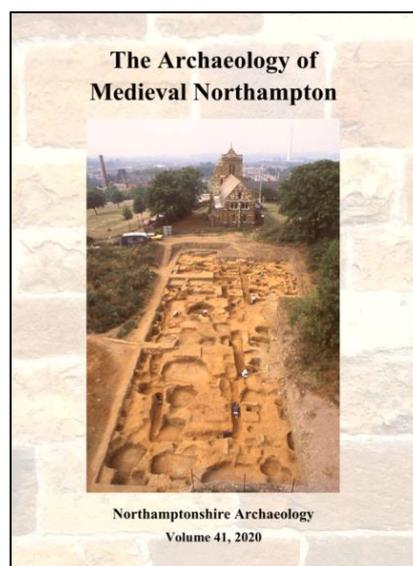
The original Bulletin issued 1966-1973



Journal covers from the 1970s to the 2000s

Northamptonshire Archaeology The Archaeology of Medieval Northampton Volume 41, 2020

This volume will contain an overview of the archaeology of the pre-Conquest origins of the town and reports on the excavations at Northampton Castle in the 1960s and in 2013. There will also be further articles and notes relevant to the town. It will be published in the journal series but additional copies will be printed to make it available to non-members and through bookshops.



Work on compiling the journal is ongoing, and it is hoped that it will be available in the spring of 2021, hopefully to coincide with a return to a more normal life for us all.

THOSE WE HAVE LOST

Through 2020 we have lost several long-term members and friends of the society, including founding members and regular contributors to the journal. There will be photographs and full obituaries in the next journal.

Paul Woodfield (1933-2020)

Burl Bellamy (1942-2020)

Patrick Foster (1942-2020)

Richard Ivens (1950-2020)

PUBLICATIONS 2020

The journal will also contain cover images and details of several publications that relate directly and indirectly to the archaeology of the county: site reports, broader overviews and specialist papers, listed briefly below for those who might want some extra winter reading:

Faxton: Excavations in a Deserted Northamptonshire Village 1966-68
Butler, L, and Gerrard, C, 2020
Soc Medl Archaeol monog, **42**
Paperback £30.79

Coton Park, Rugby, Warwickshire: A Middle Iron Age settlement with copper alloy casting
Chapman, A, 2020
Archaeopress Archaeology
Paperback £35.00

A Romano-British Settlement and Cemetery at Higham Road, Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire
Luke, M, and Barker, J, 2020
Albion Archaeology monog, **4**

Bourton Way, Wellingborough and Station Road, Higham Ferrers: Two Middle Iron Age Settlements overlooking the River Nene in Northamptonshire
Luke, M, and Barker, J, 2020
Albion Archaeology monog, **5**
No Prices, contact Albion Archaeology.

Prehistoric Burial Mounds in Orton Meadows, Peterborough
D F Mackreth, forthcoming
East Anglian Archaeology, **173**
170 pages

A Medieval Life: Cecilia Penifader and the World of English Peasants before the Plague
Judith M Bennett. 2020
University of Pennsylvania Press,
The Middle Ages Series.
Paperback: 192 pages, £20.52
(2nd edition: revised, with new illustrations)

The Battles and Battlefields of Northamptonshire
Mike Ingram and Graham Evans
Northamptonshire Battlefields Society
Paperback £9.99, 155 pages

Northampton in the Great War, Your Town & Cities in the Great War
Turton, K, 2016
Pen & Sword Military

Northamptonshire at War 1939-45, Your Town & Cities in the World War Two
Turton, K, 2017
Pen & Sword Military

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND THE HERITAGE AT RISK REGISTER 2020

Historic England published their *Heritage at Risk* (HAR) Register 2020 on 15 October. Their aim is to work with owners, Friends Groups, developers and other stakeholders to find solutions for 'at risk' historic places and sites across England.

The 2020 Register contains 59 entries for Listed buildings and structures, places of worship, archaeological monuments and Conservation Areas across Northamptonshire. Sound progress is being made with some; others sadly remain in poor or declining condition. Thankfully, no registered battlefields or parks and gardens are currently identified as being at risk in the county.

You can find out what's at risk across England by searching the Heritage at Risk Register: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/>

Details of all Northamptonshire entries are available in the Heritage at Risk Midlands Register 2020 at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/har-2020-registers/mid-har-register2020/>

Previous years' Heritage at Risk Registers are available to download on the Historic England website:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/>

Summary of 2020 Northamptonshire HAR entries by local authority:

Corby

Church of St Leonard, Rockingham, Rockingham

Daventry

Old Church of St John the Baptist, Moulton Lane, Boughton along with 5 Listed churches - Church of All Saints, Church Lane, Clipston; Church of St Denys, Clipston Road, Kelmarsh; Church of All Saints, Daventry Road, Norton; Church of St Michael, Stowe IX Churches; Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Lane, Watford.

Weedon Barracks: seven II* Listed entries for enclosure, bastion and canal walls and the West Lodge.

Gate arch south of south front of Manor House, Winwick Manor, Winwick

Three Scheduled Monuments all identified as vulnerable to arable ploughing: Univallate hillfort 250m south and a bowl barrow 300m south east of Castle Dykes Farm, Farthingstone; Two bowl barrows and a henge 600m east of Mill Hill Farm, Naseby; Site of Bannaventa, Norton / Whilton

East Northamptonshire

Five buildings or structures - Apethorpe Palace, Apethorpe; Ashton Mill, Oundle Road, Ashton; Barnwell Castle, Barnwell; Lilford Hall, Lilford-cumWigsthorpe; Dovecote on site of manor house and gardens, Wakerley.

Five Listed churches: Church of St Nicholas, Main Street, Bulwick; Church of St Peter, Main Road, Lowick; Church of St Peter, Berrister Place, Raunds; Church of St Lawrence, Church Street, Stanwick; Church of St Mary Magdalene, Main Street, Yarwell.

Two Scheduled Monuments at risk - arable ploughing: Crow Hill Iron Age hillfort with

associated settlements, Irthlingborough; Roman villa, Little Addington.

Kettering

One Listed Building - Dovecote, north east of Newton Field Centre, Newton and Little Oakley

Northampton

Listed buildings - 8, 8a, 9 and 9a, George Row, (Northampton & Country Club); Church of St Andrew, Church Walk, Great Billing, Billing.

Scheduled Monument: Multivallate hillfort at Hunsbury Hill

Conservation Area: St Crispin Hospital, Upton

South Northamptonshire

Two Listed buildings - Terrace gardens, Castle Ashby Park, Castle Ashby; Stable block and outbuildings at Wakefield Lodge, Potterspury

Seven Listed churches: Church of St Mary, Horton, Hackleton; Church of St John the Baptist, Church Road, Boddington; Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Lane, Chacombe; Church of St Luke, Banbury Lane, Cold Higham; Church of All Saints, Church Lane, Croughton; Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street, Nether Heyford; Church of St Mary, Thenford; Church of St John the Baptist, High Street South, Tiffield.

Scheduled Monuments: Astwell Castle Farm (Gatehouse Tower), Helmdon; and six plough or tree/scrub threatened Scheduled Monuments - Roman villa, Chipping Warden and Edgcote; Roman villa south east of Cosgrove Hall, Cosgrove; Roman villa north of Road Hill Farm, Harpole; Roman villa south east of Stokegap Lodge, Stoke Bruerne; Sulgrave bowl barrow, Sulgrave; Former World War I National Filling Factory, Banbury, Warkworth.

Conservation Area: Old Stratford.

Wellingborough

Listed building: Chester House, Higham Road, Irchester - description includes the information that - 'Works were delayed when the main contractor went into liquidation;

completion and public opening is planned for summer 2021'.

Listed churches: two - Church of St Mary, The Green, Orlingbury; Church of St Peter and Paul, Main Street, Sywell.

Scheduled Monuments: two - site revealed by aerial photography north of Easton Lodge, Easton Maudit; Romano-British settlement and pottery kilns west of Ecton North Lodge, Ecton / Sywell.

Conservation Area: Wellingborough Town Centre.

NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

We are delighted to announce that:

Martin Tingle and Roy Friendship-Taylor

have been appointed as NAS Vice Presidents.

They join A E Brown, the original editor of the journal, in this honorary position.

Martin and Roy have given many years' service to NAS and it is worth acknowledging their long and distinguished record with the Society as well as their work on the archaeology of the county.

When Brian Dix stood down as editor of the NAS Journal in 1989, no one else could be found to take on this role and, as Dennis Jackson pointed out in his autobiography, the Society was possibly in danger of collapsing.

It was Martin Tingle and his wife, Liz Musgrave, who stepped up to take on the editorial role, and Martin later went solo with the journal and also became the joint Chair, and later Chair of the society. He held the role of Journal editor for 15 years.

An additional and significant project Martin undertook during this time was editing *The Archaeology of Northamptonshire*, which was published in 2004.

Roy Friendship-Taylor has been involved in NAS for over 40 years, serving on the committee in many different roles, including as Vice Chair.

Roy is best known for directing the long running excavations at Piddington Roman villa which have been ongoing since 1979 through the Upper Nene Archaeological Society. UNAS bought the local Wesleyan chapel in Piddington, converting it into a museum in order to store and display the project's finds, and housing research and educational facilities.

Roy was for many years on the committee, including Chair, of the pressure group RESCUE. He presently serves on the board of the Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust.

His contributions to archaeology have been recognised nationally in his Lifetime Achievement Award from British Archaeological Awards in 2008, and securing a nomination for Archaeologist of the Year in 2019 in the *Current Archaeology Awards*.

Roy was a graphic designer in London, but later took a Diploma in Archaeology at the University of Leicester, and an MPhil in Archaeology at the University of Nottingham, reporting on Roman Channel Rim Jars, published as a BAR monograph. Roy has been Chair of the Upper Nene Archaeological Society (UNAS) for over four decades and was elected an FSA in 2007.

AND FINALLY.....

News items of interest are also posted on the NAS Facebook page. If you have any items you would like included, or contributions to the journal, contact:

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If you have any news or information that you would like included in the next NAS newsletter then please contact:

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