



NASNEWS

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This is a forthcoming events special edition of NAS NEWS, as much is happening around the county through late June and July

NAS Site Visit

Sunday, 3 July, 2pm

Warkton, Kettering: Iron Age settlement and Roman villa

**Meeting place with parking: Warkton Village Hall,
45 Pipe Ln, Warkton, Kettering NN16 9XH**

Dave Errickson, senior lecturer in forensic archaeology and anthropology at Cranfield University introduces the project:

“Last year, Chris Chinnock (MOLA Northampton), Claire Hodson (Reading University) and I, opened up a few areas as an exploratory excavation in Warkton, Kettering.

This was brought on by some interesting geophysical results undertaken by a colleague at Cranfield and as a 'summer school' for our students. As a result, we found a potential large scale Roman villa that sits in a multi-period landscape housing the Iron Age through to Early medieval (at least). This year we will be once again excavating this site, however in a much more structured way. We will be excavating from 22 June – 8 July 8, and there will be a number of students and volunteers joining us.”

On Sunday, 3 July, there will be an open day with site tours.

The site is about a five minute walk across from the car park across a field, so wear some sensible footwear.

Please register interest with Rob Atkins (ratkins@mola.org.uk), so we have an idea of the likely numbers. No charge.

Other events

Stanwick Lakes

Sunday 26 June, 10am-4pm

Traditional Crafts Past & Present will see the launch our month long Heritage Festival celebrating the history of the Nene Valley.

Immerse yourself in ancient life with the Bifrost Guard reenactment group and join in the fun with various crafting activities to "Try, Make and Take Away"!

Experience a huge host of skilled artisans displaying their craft, and explore our Time Travel trail through the history of Stanwick Lakes.

Unfortunately, Andy Chapman will not be able to make the NAS site visit to Warkton, as he is otherwise engaged at Stanwick Lakes:

Stanwick Lakes:

Sunday, 3 July, 1.15pm

A Walk though Time

Join archaeologist Andy Chapman on a guided walk and discover the archaeology of Stanwick Lakes from the Neolithic through to medieval times.

Meet in the visitor centre reception at 1.15 pm, walking tour from 2pm-c.4pm

The event is free but booking a ticket is essential. For further details go to

<https://A-Walk-Through-Time.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tuesday, 5 July, 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

The Bronze Age round barrows at Stanwick Lakes

An illustrated evening talk by archaeologist Andy Chapman describing how Bronze Age round barrows can be a major source of information about this period.

View the new Mezzanine heritage exhibition and visit the solar cafe from 6 pm then meet in the visitor centre reception at 7.15 pm for the talk.

The event is free but through Eventbrite is essential:

<https://Bronze-Age-Round-Barrow.eventbrite.co.uk>

Standard car parking charges will apply.

This event is supported by Heritage Lottery Funding.

Sunday, 17 July, 2pm

Medieval Gardens, including the monastery garden

An illustrated talk by historic gardener, Michael Brown

View our heritage garden with Michael from 1 pm and then meet in the visitor centre reception at 2 pm for the talk.

Book in advance with Eventbrite: <https://Medieval-Gardens.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sunday, 24 July, 2pm

An introduction to the history of Stanwick Lakes

An illustrated talk by Neil Busby

View the new Mezzanine heritage exhibition from 1 pm and then meet in the visitor centre reception at 2 pm for the talk.

Book in advance with Eventbrite: <https://History-of-Stanwick-Lakes.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Chester House Estate: The Nene Valley Heritage Festival Sunday, 26 June

A summer festival showcasing the history, archaeology and heritage of the Nene Valley will launch at the Chester House Estate and continue at Stanwick Lakes (Stanwick Lakes) on Sunday 26 June, for a whole weekend celebrating the rich heritage of the Nene Valley!

Join us at Chester House Estate on the 25th June for all this ...

A special visit from a Roman re-enactment group the Ermine Street Guard and find out about everyday life as a Roman soldier in the 'living history camp'.

Tour our live excavation, meet and speak to archaeologists, and get a chance to handle real finds that are discovered on our site

Mini talks from leading Roman specialists throughout the day

Get a taste for Roman life by sampling some Roman food

... and so many more Roman themed activities for ALL ages!

Find out more about what's going on throughout the day here -

<http://www.chesterhouseestate.org/roman-invasion-ermine...>

The site is FREE to enter and FREE to park, you can visit us from 10am – 4pm you don't need to pre-book a ticket.

The Archaeological Excavation

The archaeological dig in partnership with [School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester](#), is now open and running. This year we are so excited to be able to share the story with our community and visitors, get involved everyday 10am – 4pm as we uncover history by taking part in all this:



- FREE tours of the Archaeological Resource Centre (The ARC) at 11:30am and 1:30pm everyday until 1st July 2022 (not running on Sundays).
- FREE tours of the dig every hour from 10am onwards – the tour will include an opportunity to interact with the archaeologists, handle finds, and discover what happens at an archaeological excavation. See <https://chesterhouseestate.org/heritage-festival/>, for further details.

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