

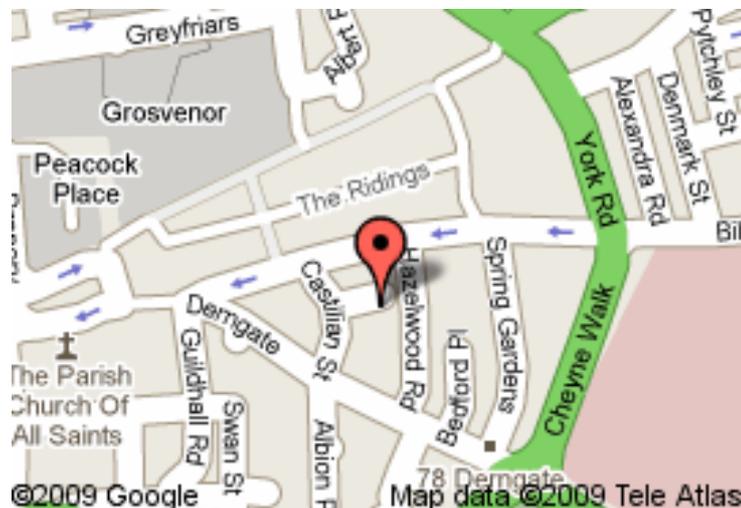
NASNEWS

Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

Website: www.northants-archaeology.org.uk

October 2010

NAS AGM, Book Launch and Public Lecture
Tuesday, 30 November
The Humfrey Rooms
10 Castilian Terrace, Northampton, NN1 1LD



Doors open at 6.30pm, refreshments provided

The AGM begins at 7.00pm

**The AGM and the book launch will be followed
by the annual public lecture**

Dr David S Neal
Roman Villas and Mosaics in Northamptonshire and Region

See attached poster for further details

We would like to thank the Northamptonshire Natural History Society
for the use of their excellent meetings room for a second year

NAS COMMITTEE

Anyone wishing to join the committee to help the Society keep 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).

Elected by the committee:

Chair: Steven Hollowell

Vice-chair: David Waller

Standing for re-election to the committee:

Secretary and journal editor Andy Chapman

Membership secretary Pat Chapman

Treasurer Ian Barrie (see below)

Meetings secretary If anyone would like to take on the task of arranging a meetings programme, please step forward

Other committee members: Steven Hollowell, David Waller, Graham Cadman
Roy Friendship-Taylor, Brian Giggins
Martin Weaver, Steve Young

NAS TREASURER

Ian Barrie has served the Society as Treasurer for the past 18 years, and the committee would like to extend their thanks to Ian for carrying out this important role for so long, and so efficiently. Ian has indicated that he would like us to seek a new Treasurer, but he will continue in the post until a replacement comes forward.

THE BOOK LAUNCH

DENNIS JACKSON A Northamptonshire Archaeologist

At the AGM copies of Dennis's autobiography will be available at the special discount price of £12.00. Cheques (made out to Northamptonshire Archaeological Society) or cash accepted, but please try to offer the correct amount as we will only have a limited supply of change.

The discount offer of £12.00 is also extended to all members who cannot attend the AGM but who have sent in an order form and payment by Friday, 10 December, so that the book can be sent out with the journal to save the Society the extra p&p costs. We cannot guarantee that all orders will be delivered before Christmas. If required before Christmas, either collect at the AGM or directly from Andy Chapman (address at end of newsletter), or add £2.50 to cover postage and packing.

Thereafter, in order to cover production costs, the book will be available to all at £14.50 plus £2.50 p&p. Please see the attached order form for further details.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY, VOLUME 36

We also hope that the journal will be available for collection at the AGM.

Copies will be posted to members beginning in early December, but some may only be sent out after Christmas. This issue will be around 200 pages, with colour illustrations, and contains the following articles:

A re-investigation of the scientific dating evidence from the hillfort at Rainsborough

Sarah-Jane Clelland and Cathy M Batt

Iron Age and Roman settlement at Upton, Northampton

Charlotte Walker and Antony Maul

Iron Age settlement and medieval features at Quinton House School, Upton, Northampton

Anne Foard-Colby and Charlotte Walker

An Iron Age pit alignment near Upton, Northampton

Simon Carlyle

An archaeological watching brief at Sywell Aerodrome runway, Northamptonshire

Anne Foard-Colby

The Delapré Roman kiln field, Northampton

Paul Woodfield

A geological review of some early churches in the Northamptonshire area

John F Potter

Archaeological investigation of land adjacent to The Cottons, Rockingham

Gary Edmondson

Leather-working at the site of medieval Cumbergate, Peterborough

Taleyna Fletcher and Quita Mould

Canal Lift Bridge GN5 at Rothersthorpe, Northampton

Alex Thompson with Pat Chapman

The 1930s Douglas Garage at 46-50 Sheep Street, Northampton

Michael Webster and Stephen Parry

There is also the usual notes section, details of recently published monographs and the online publication of commercial archaeological 'client' reports, as well as the round up of archaeological work carried out in the county through 2008 and 2009.

BRITISH AND IRISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (BIAB)

Looking for local publications or checking publication references. The new improved web site, hosted by the CBA, has just been launched (www.biab.ac.uk).

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. The subscription rate has not changed for many years and is being held at the same rate through the recession despite the cost of producing the journal in colour. Membership rates do not cover the cost of the journal production, which is largely subsidised by the payments received from the contributing commercial archaeological contractors. It is fortunate that the Society has a healthy bank balance which permits us this year to publish both the journal and the Dennis Jackson autobiography, but we still need those subscriptions to maintain a healthy society.

£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

SOME WINTER LECTURES

Saturday, 23 October 2010, CBA South Midlands, see attached poster

Saturday, 30 October 2010, The 37th Brixworth Lecture, see attached poster

Saturday 13 November 2010, 10am - 4pm, Milton Keynes Archaeology Day, Milton Keynes Central Library

TOWCESTER MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTRE

The opening of Towcester Museum and Visitor Centre, which is in White Horse Courtyard near the Waitrose supermarket, will be on the 22 October, with the official ribbon cutting at 7pm. The museum will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but times may alter through the winter.

There will be a small exhibition area on the ground floor from the opening to Easter 2011. Thereafter, the upper floor should be dedicated to the Towcester Museum, which will follow a simple theme of a *Road Through History*, changing the focus of the displays every 18 months or so.

Events at Towcester Museum: Julie Cassidy, Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquity Scheme, will hold a Finds Surgery at the museum on 27 October.

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Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
AGM, book launch & public lecture

Tuesday, 30 November 2010

Doors open 6.30 for light refreshments

7.00pm - AGM & launch of an exciting new book about the life and times of renowned local archaeologist, Dennis Jackson, pioneer of modern archaeology in Northamptonshire

Followed by lecture-

**ROMAN VILLAS & MOSAICS IN
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & REGION**

by

Dr David S Neal

at

**THE HUMFREY ROOMS, 10 CASTILIAN TERRACE
NORTHAMPTON NN1 1LD**

All welcome - free entry

David Neal is a leading figure in the archaeology of Roman Britain. He has excavated widely, including Stanwick Roman villa in Northamptonshire, and is a regular and characteristically enthusiastic guest with *Time Team*. He is perhaps most renowned for his monumental research and co-authorship with Stephen Cosh of the corpus of Romano-British mosaics. A highlight of these volumes, now approaching completion, is David's immensely accurate and detailed painted illustrations. Examples from Northamptonshire include the Bellerophon mosaic from Croughton in the south of the county.

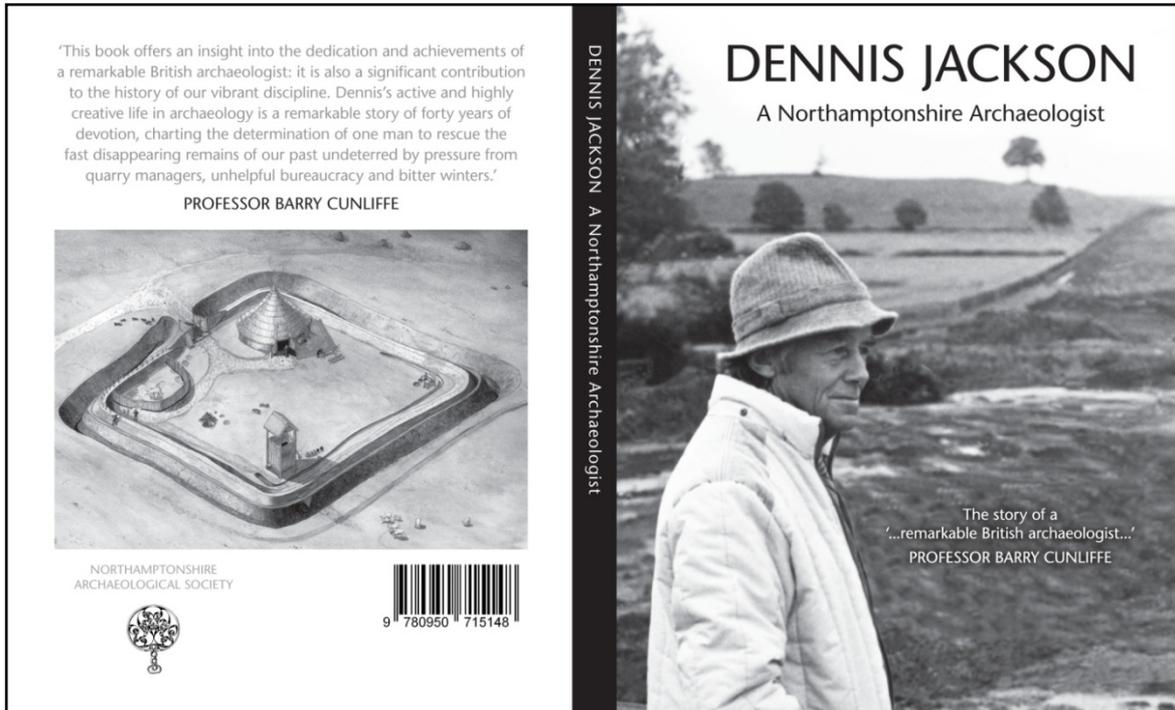


DENNIS JACKSON

A Northamptonshire Archaeologist

'This book offers an insight into the dedication and achievements of a remarkable British archaeologist: It is also a significant contribution to the history of our vibrant discipline. Dennis's active and highly creative life in archaeology is a remarkable story of forty years of devotion, charting the determination of one man to rescue the fast disappearing remains of our past undeterred by pressure from quarry managers, unhelpful bureaucracy and bitter winters.'
Professor Barry Cunliffe

179 pages, illustrated throughout in colour and black and white



Order Form:

Dennis Jackson: A Northamptonshire Archaeologist is available from:

The Northamptonshire Archaeological Society, c/o Andy Chapman, 2 Bolton House, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton, NN4 8BE, **at 14.50, plus £2.50 postage and packing**

Please send ___ copies of **Dennis Jackson: A Northamptonshire Archaeologist** to:

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (made payable to Northamptonshire Archaeological Society)

(NAS members ordering before Friday, 10 December 2010 can pay at the discount rate of £12.00, post free; book to be dispatched with the county journal but we cannot guarantee that all orders will be delivered before Christmas)

Council for British Archaeology South Midlands
Autumn Conference and Annual General Meeting
Recent fieldwork in Bedfordshire by
Albion Archaeology



Harrold green, with its 18th-century market house and 19th-century lock-up

Saturday 23rd October
10.00am – 4.00 pm

Harrold Centre, High Street, Harrold, Bedfordshire MK43 7BH
(see map over)

Speakers:

***David Ingham* – Introduction and selected highlights of Albion's smaller projects**

***Joe Abrams* – An Iron Age and Roman settlement at Marston Moretaine**

***James Newbould* – Saxo-Norman and medieval settlement at Stotfold**

***Mike Luke* – Landscapes of the Biddenham Loop**

***Christiane Meckseper* – Excavations at Bedford Castle**

***Ben Barker* – Roman settlement at Eastcotts, Bedford**

Tickets: £9 if booked in advance, £10 on the door

There are two pubs in Harrold which serve lunch, as well as a cafe in the Harrold-Odell country park

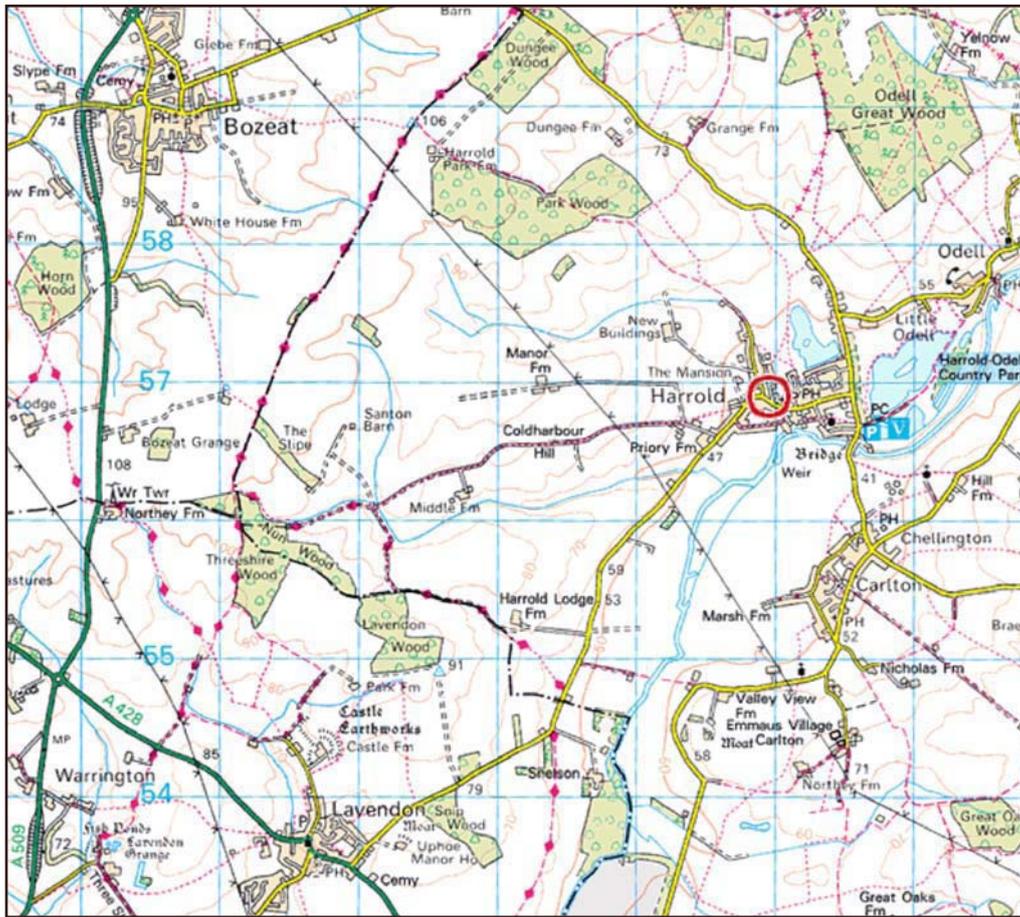
For advance booking, send this booking slip and your payment to:
Julia Wise, 132 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1RB

Please reserve _____ place(s) at the 2010 Autumn Conference.

Enclosed is a cheque for £_____ payable to CBA South Midlands

Name: _____

Address: _____



Harrod Centre, High Street, Harrod, Bedfordshire MK43 7BH



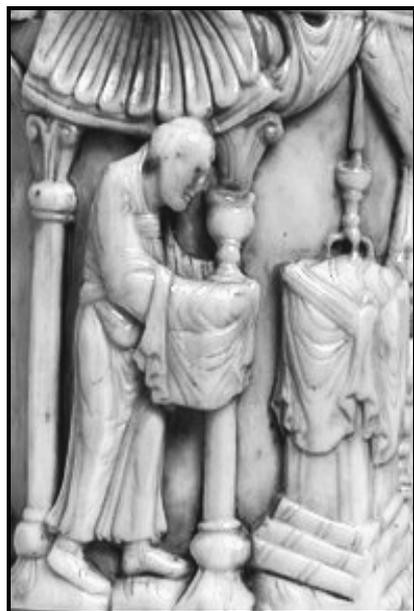
The Harrod Centre is an Edwardian building in the middle of the village, with limited car parking to the rear. Harrod is 7 miles NW of Bedford, near the county borders with Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. An hourly bus service from Bedford and Rushden stops directly outside the building.

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRIXWORTH
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

WHO SERVED THE ALTAR AT BRIXWORTH?

CLERGY IN ENGLISH MINSTERS C. 800 – C. 1100

The twenty-eighth annual All Saints' lecture will be given by



DR JULIA BARROW

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER, 2010

at 5.00pm

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRIXWORTH

Tea from 4.00pm at the Heritage Centre,
Church Street, Brixworth

Tickets can be obtained from the addresses below and on the door, price £5 including tea (students and 'Friends' concession £3), with all proceeds to Brixworth church. Please enclose an s.a.e. with postal applications and make cheques payable to "The Friends of All Saints' Church, Brixworth".

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