NAS AGM and public lecture
Thursday, 10 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.

**Paul Blinkhorn**
People and pots in medieval Northamptonshire

See attached poster, which features two cooking pots from a pit in the outer bailey at Northampton Castle, excavated in 2013.

**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
- Ordinary members: Graham Cadman, Brian Giggins, Roy Friendship-Taylor, Mike Curtis, Ian Barrie
- Secretary and journal editor: Andy Chapman
- Membership secretary: Pat Chapman
- Treasurer: Carol (nee Simmonds)

**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 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 year or two ago.

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

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

**CLASP AGM**
**Wednesday, 5 October, 7.00pm**

**Harpole Bowls Club**

This year the principal speaker will be the CLASP Archaeological Director, Stephen Young, who will speak on the recent archaeological work in the Bannaventa area and elsewhere. He will also provide an update on the proposal to create a permanent home for CLASP at Norton.

The second speaker will be the Chair of Northampton Artefact Recovery Club (NARC), Alan Standish, who will talk on how his metal detecting work has helped identify possible early communication routes.

See attached poster.

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**Irchester Roman Town**

There is now a comprehensive website covering all aspects of the Chester Farm development: [www.chesterfarm.co.uk](http://www.chesterfarm.co.uk).

You can sign up for an emailed newsletter and there is a downloadable leaflet including a map of walks beginning at the visitor car park, although the site will only be open to the public until the end of October.

Open every day 8:00am - 6:00pm from 1st May - 31st October

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**CBA South Midlands Autumn Conference**

**Sunday, 23 October**

**Hartwell Community Centre**

**Roman Towns of the South Midlands**

See the attached poster for details of speakers and a booking form.

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**34th Annual Brixworth Lecture**

**Saturday, 29th October 2016**

**5.00pm in the Church**

**Reform and Renewal in Anglo-Saxon Religious life c.650 – c.900**

**Professor Catherine Cubit**

**University of York**

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.

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**Northamptonshire Archaeology Volume 39, 2017**

The next edition of the journal will be compiled over the winter so that it can be ready for the AGM in 2017. This will be a general volume with a range of articles spanning the Neolithic to post-medieval periods.

This will also provide more time for compiling the planned Northampton special edition of the journal, which we hope to have ready for the AGM in 2018 or perhaps for a book launch and day school in Northampton to present the results.

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**NASNEWS**

The editor would like to apologise for the absence of a summer NASNEWS. Various items of interest were emailed to the 100 or so people on the NAS email list. These will not have been seen by members not on the list, so I would encourage anyone with email to forward their details so they can be added to the list and be kept up to date with incoming news. News items of interest are also posted on the NAS Facebook page on occasions.

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NAS secretary and journal editor

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