



# CLASP

## Community Landscape & Archæology Survey Project NEWSLETTER

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**The CLASP Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.00 pm in the Bugbrooke Community Centre and will be followed by public lectures. Official details are shown below and continued on page 2. Details of the lectures to follow the AGM are shown on page 3.**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of CLASP will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.00 pm at Bugbrooke Community Centre**

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last meeting 17th Sept 2012
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Acceptance of Annual Report\*
8. Appointment of Trustees\*\*
9. Appointment of Officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
10. AOB

\* Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available at the meeting but members wishing to read it beforehand will be able to find it on the CLASP website shortly.

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**\*\* Please note that nominations for appointment to the Trustees must be received by the Chair, Alan Watson, before the AGM.**

Nominations must be signed by a member entitled to vote at the AGM, ie a member of CLASP or an organisation approved by the Trustees. It must state the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a Trustee and must be signed by that person to confirm that they are willing to serve.

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**I (name) ..... (Printed)**

**and signed .....**

**propose (name) ..... (Printed)**  
**as willing to stand for appointment to the Trustees of CLASP**

**I (printed) .....**  
**am willing to stand for appointment as a CLASP Trustee**

**(signed) .....**

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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Tuesday 10th September 2013, 7.30pm  
(following the AGM at 7pm)

### **Excavation of a Neolithic Monument and Burial Pit at Pineham, Northampton**

Mark Holmes of Northampton Archaeology

### **Update on CLASP fieldwork**

Stephen Young  
Archaeological Director for CLASP

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Admission FREE  
but donations to CLASP  
will be welcome

Bugbrooke Sports and  
Community Centre,  
Camp Close, Bugbrooke,  
Northampton NN7 3RW

*Raffle, tea/coffee, display stands*

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## **From Dave Hayward, Chairman of the Organising Committee**

Another six months has passed that saw the weather continuing in it's same disastrous form that has prevented much of the field work programme of our member societies going ahead. Hopefully the recent improvement will be maintained during the late summer and autumn permitting us all to progress our activities and make up for lost time.

The bad weather has however not prevented a lot of the background research work being undertaken by societies and individual members. This work is all essential in helping us build up the 'bigger picture' with the early historical landscape of the area. A word of thanks at this stage to Norman Garnett who has stood down as Secretary to this Committee. The thanks must be followed by a warm welcome to Roger Penny, one of our individual members who has been co-opted to the Committee and appointed, (having volunteered!), as the new Secretary.

As always I make pleas! Again this time the usual two. We always need new members both individual and societies. If you know any likely recruits please try to encourage them to join us. Hopefully with the better weather there will be far more opportunities for field work and this may well be a draw in itself. Secondly we always need research proposals being led pro-actively by you, as members. The application form to run a project is on the CLASP website, just download it and submit it to Roger Penny for the Committee to consider. Projects will be welcome both from society or individual members or a combination of both.

Details of the AGM and Annual Open Meeting are shown elsewhere in this newsletter. Hopefully we will get maximum turnout this year. The principal talk by Mark Holmes on the Neolithic Site is truly fascinating. I have heard it before and cannot wait to hear it again, including the latest developments regarding the large deposits of human bones.

My own work into the hundred meeting places is still progressing, I have by necessity extended the work into the structure of the hundreds and common salient features running through them. Hopefully in some cases it may be possible to identify the pre-hundredal administrative areas. The work is identifying what appears to be different levels of meeting-places, different

purposes and chronologically separate. What is also apparent is the different descriptive names that identify sites.

The following are some of the place name elements that can identify sites. *Spellar*, including derivations – this means speech; *oak-tree* and *mangrove knob* – identifying a significant or sacred tree that was the meeting place; *stowe* – meeting place; *weoh* and *hearg* including derivations - identify a heathen/ pagan sacred site that was evolved as a meeting place; *thingo* – normally indicative of a Scandinavian meeting place; *mod* and *moot* – both indicative as a meeting place; *chipping* and *port* – both indicative of markets; *mans* – again indicative of people, meeting place; *witan* - a royal meeting place. We have examples of all of these in west Northamptonshire. By status and purpose I consider we also have the following; at the highest level we have the previously mentioned Royal *witan*, I consider we have a *micel gemoot*, this is a site where the lords of three counties met to consider common issues, a *portmanmoot* – a meeting place that supervised a market.

Some of the salient features that seem to be running through all of the hundreds, albeit that we do not have them all in every hundred, include royal estates; Iron Age settlements, normally with ditch and bank; early minster churches; early Romano-British small structured settlements and evidence of very early markets. As can be imagined researching this is very intensive in time and resources, just locating some of the early references then reading and absorbing them is very time consuming. However the whole project is very rewarding and hopefully will benefit CLASP in it's understanding of how the area evolved in the post Roman period.

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## **From Jeremy Cooper, The new-look CLASP website ([jeremy@oliomedia.org.uk](mailto:jeremy@oliomedia.org.uk))**

*(NB - the Local People, Local Past website and Whitehall websites have not been changed)*

The new-look CLASP website has much the same content as the old one, but it's based on a completely different web maintenance system. Up to now the website has been run in the "traditional" manner, with me as webmaster being the only person able to update it using the files based on my computer and specialist web-authoring software. This new site has been developed using WordPress.

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## WORDPRESS

WordPress is a free Content Management System which has millions of users: it is "open-source" software which means that users can contribute to its improvement and development - nobody commercially owns WordPress (see [wordpress.org](http://wordpress.org)). Once a site has been set up using WordPress, anyone who is registered as a **user** on the site can alter the site using just the web browser on their computer. The whole operation is managed entirely on-line!

## PAGES & POSTS

This new site has two types of content: it has "static" pages like those on the old site: these are listed in the menu bar at the top of the page. It also has **posts**: these are like a blog. The posts are what is shown in the "News and Features" section of the site - what you are now reading started life as a post on the website.

## USERS

There are several types of "users". The following are the types relevant to this site:

- **Administrator** – somebody who has access to all the administration features within a single site.
- **Editor** – somebody who can publish and manage posts including the posts of other users.
- **Author** – somebody who can publish and manage their own posts.
- **Contributor** – somebody who can write and manage their own posts but cannot publish them.
- I am currently the only Administrator. If you are already familiar with WordPress and would like to share this role, let me know (email address above). I envisage that most users will, to begin with, be Contributors - that is writing posts for approval before publication.

*Only Members of CLASP will usually be registered as users.*

## WRITING POSTS

Writing a post is like using a blog, and a bit like using Facebook. Posts can include images (Contributors can upload images and add them to their posts) and documents like .pdf files (Contributors can upload these and link to them in their posts). So a post might consist just of notice that a new document, for

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example a report on an event, is available, with a link to it.

All posts will have to be approved by an Administrator before publication - the Administrator can sort out any problems a new Contributor might encounter, and reserves the right to sub-edit all posts. If things go well, a Contributor could be promoted to Author then Editor ...

## **WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

If you'd like to write a particular post, or become a regular poster, let me know, telling me what you have in mind, and if I think it is appropriate I'll register you on the site - you might like to suggest a user name and password, and also how you would like your name to appear on your post. If you would like to post something, but would rather I did it for you, send me the text and any photos.

I hope you like the new look. Don't hesitate to get involved if you want to!

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### **From Steve Young, Archæological Director**

In terms of the long standing major projects being investigated by CLASP, interpretative and archiving work continues on the assemblage of artefacts retrieved from the ongoing field survey undertaken on the Roman Posting station at Bannaventa (Whilton Lodge). Large scale reconnaissance of the site continued into the late spring, when weather and time allowed, although only about a third of the area available for study was investigated in the detail that will be required. The large ceramic assemblage will take some time to process and analyse but undoubtedly can provide a clearer picture concerning material distribution in relation to the landscape features identified in the geophysical survey. This type of information is not readily available to many Romano-British settlements of this type.

Current anecdotal evidence from initial analysis appears to confirm the overall chronological profile of Bannaventa that has been previously suggested by our earlier work on the site. A Late Iron Age origin of indeterminable character should be confirmed for the site which then undergoes extensive change in layout and scale as a settlement in the late 1<sup>st</sup> to the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. Presumably this reflects initial construction of the Posting Station associated

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with Watling Street. The settlement seems to have undergone further change and development during the late 2<sup>nd</sup> to early 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD focused on the Severan period. This premise is collaborated to a certain extent by the dating, derived through earlier excavation, of the construction of the initial defences of the settlement. The presence of late Central Gaulish colour coated ware and other imported wares also hints at an extensive late 3<sup>rd</sup> century redevelopment of the site in line with the large scale villa building programme known to be underway in the surrounding countryside at this time.

Currently the coins are being identified by Dr Mark Curteis (Essex Museum Service), the results of which will not only add significantly to the coin list of provenanced Roman coinage from the site but will in addition offer further detail on the origin and decline of Bannaventa during the Roman period. Members of the metal detecting societies of NNPast & NARC have also made available for recording other material found during fieldwork undertaken by them. This is associated with the site and from the immediate surrounding hinterland, the findings from which should be available for discussion in the next newsletter. Fred Kay our resident geophysicist and myself have also continued to piece together and interpret the geophysical data obtained from the site during the winter and this along-side the other findings produced by the recent fieldwork will then be used to write a report for presentation to English Heritage as part of our obligation for receiving permission to work on a scheduled site.

Elsewhere during the summer a small number of test pits were excavated on and near Whitehall Farm to try and provide particular information on two aspects of the Roman site's development which as yet are still poorly understood; namely the location of a cemetery or cemeteries associated with the construction and evolution of the villa complex and evidence of the Late Iron Age focus for the site. In total three locations were chosen, two concerned with possible locations for burial sites whilst the third dealt with the excavation of the possible Late Iron Age enclosure surrounding the domestic structures.

In the case of the candidates for potential cemetery locations two distinct areas were chosen for investigation. A total of five pits were excavated across a

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paddock on land originally part of the farm but now in private ownership to the north east of the villa site. The rationale for the work was to examine some geophysical anomalies located by a small scale geophysical survey of the area which had been undertaken in early June. The location dominates the heights overlooking the line of Watling Street as it winds its way northwards. This is one of the few areas in the locality of the villa that has not been investigated previously and which could potentially produce skeletons and graves of the Romano-British period, particularly as the site lies adjacent to the excavated later 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Anglo Saxon burial area that could be indicative of possible continuity of interment practice. Unfortunately as in the past any evidence of a cemetery remained elusive and further test pitting will be required before we can rule out the site as a potential candidate. The other location lies to the south east of the villa complex along the field boundary where significant numbers of Roman coins have been detected in the past and a considerable depth of top soil covers the earlier archaeological surfaces. The known existence of an extensive swathe of Roman material found by detectorists across the area is suggestive of activity in the past in this part of the site particularly in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> century AD. Unfortunately again apart from residual pottery of Roman date nothing of a structural nature or features were identified to prove the premise.

However after initial disappointment on locating the enclosure ditch of the Late Iron Age farmstead we were able to section a part of the feature originally identified in the geophysical survey of 2000. Although the ditch was not particularly deep or wide and somewhat truncated through medieval and late agricultural farming practice, the pottery recovered from the fill of the ditch indicated a mid to late 1<sup>st</sup> century AD date for the going out of use of the feature therefore confirming a Late Iron Age date for its construction. This is an extremely useful outcome for the archaeological interpretation of the site at Whitehall Farm because it substantiates the chronological development already postulate

Unfortunately the talk planned for May to bring together the different strands of evidence obtained for the research excavation across the years had to be cancelled because of ill health but my intention is to reschedule the lecture for early October 2013. The lecture will be part of an evening which will also

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contain the premier of the documentary being made for the Whitehall Farm Roman Villa Research Project and CLASP concerning the re-internment of the Anglo Saxon skeletons excavated some years ago.

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### **From Derek Batten, Friends of Alderton Monuments**

The activities of **FOAM** have mainly centred around The Mount, Alderton, a Norman Ringwork owned by me. Archaeological work was carried out on part of the site in 2009 and 2010 and a Ground Probing Radar Survey was done last year. I am aware of my own mortality as I shall be 82 years old in August this year and have been concerned about the future of The Mount when I finally shake off my mortal coil. I have therefore decided to sell my freehold interest in this Scheduled Ancient Monument but to impose two Restrictive Covenants, namely the monument shall be kept open to the public at all times, and archaeological work can take place at any time in the future subject to approval by English Heritage. It is likely that **FOAM** will be wound up but, if I am spared, I shall carry out further work on the site next year and will keep CLASP informed as I expect there to be a demand for volunteers.

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### **From Norman Garnett, Whitehall Revisited. June & July 2013**

The Whitehall site was revisited again to undertake the excavation of series of 1 metre square test pits in various areas around the Whitehall site; these areas were:

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a) the 'sheep field' adjacent (West) to the villa site;

b) the pasture further West (Whitehall Paddock) adjacent to that area where the Anglo-Saxon skeletons (shortly to be re-interred) were found and c) within the villa area.

During late June, in the first location (the 'sheep field'), three pits were opened penetrating ground which made reinforced concrete seem like a soft option. The pits went down to approx 90 cm with fairly limited results.

If nothing else these pits proved to be of great interest to Nick's lambs who, on the first night, used the spoil mounds as hills to be conquered & compressed the soil giving the heaps a 'reinforced' covering. Oh, how we laughed! However, one of these pits was later extended and provided a considerable source of materials.....



We had some 59 1st century pottery shards from one trench in the "sheep" field. Also in the trench, we found the ditch... finally! It is

'double' at the point we dug which corresponds with the black blob on the geophysics survey. Its profile is steeper on the external side then gradual slope with a 'dip' to the inside. The pottery was in the fill of the ditch.

In the second location, the Whitehall Paddock site again in late June, we opened up 6 pits but 5 and 6 only really had their topsoil removed.



A considerable source of people

All except no 3 were put over anomalies shown up in the earlier geophysical

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survey, but they all came to nothing. No 1 went down 50 cm through topsoil and subsoil mixed with gravel onto orange clay.

No 2 was the most interesting; we took it down to 94 cm and revealed a band of sand running E/W in the centre with fine pea gravel either side. Under the southern pea gravel we found burning which Steve thought to be natural and very ancient. There were also several bunters at the bottom of the N/S section. In no 3 we encountered the edge of the rabbit warren in the sand at the bottom, and the remains of a long deceased rabbit.

No 4 was exactly the same as no 1 except there was no clay at the bottom. In all, rather disappointing.....but at least we know where things aren't!  
There is the possibility for a re-match here, watch this space...                      A considerable source of people

In mid – July, in the third location, (the villa site) was visited and eventually there were four pits opened, down to depths of 130 cm. (or, to the depths of despair, if you prefer). Only one pit revealed much in the way of finds with fragments of pot and roof tile. The pottery and building material from this pit is said to be 'Residual' and mainly 3rd Century.

Another pit penetrated a layer of wonderfully claggy, dark grey clay at about 100 cm, overlaying a sandy clay layer with chalk fragments and small pebbles.



Depths of Despair



Pit crew waiting for Steve and the drinks trolley

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It should be mentioned that the temperature at this time was well up in the high 20s and if it hadn't been for Steve frequently plying us with cold beers and Pimm's.....!

On the subject of the re-interment of the Saxon remains, Lesley Allen kindly submitted the following report:



On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we all gathered, many wearing our Whitehall tee shirts, to bury the Saxon remains first discovered.....

Among the crowd were some of the original 'finders' wishing to see the

Saxons reburied at last. Sandra & Beryl had lovingly made woollen bags to hold the remains. Steve had provided some replica grave goods, Nick had organised a deep trench to be dug in a quiet corner of the

field nearest to original burial site, and the vicar of Nether Heyford, Ann Slater, conducted a simple short service. Harry Young filmed the proceedings as the final part of his University project which included interviews with some members of the Whitehall Tuesday group during the many discussions on which format the reburial should take.



The deep trench was filled in by willing volunteers and within 2 hours the turf was back, the sheep were grazing the site and the Saxons were back where they belonged.

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## From Jenifer Smith Harpole Heritage Group

Since the last newsletter, our members have enjoyed and found two visits very interesting, the first to the archive in Northampton General Hospital and the second to the Costume Archive at Northampton Central Museum. We

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have also had talks/presentations on 'Overlooked Northampton', 'the Kitchen Front', 'In flora's Footsteps' and 'William Carey'.

I also attended the re-internment of the Saxon skeletons at Whitehall Farm in June. It felt good to be part of history and I enjoyed meeting all the people who I have got to know over the years at the 'dig'.

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### **From James Aveling, Blisworth Heritage Society**

In the last twelve months Blisworth Heritage Society has enjoyed talks covering local Blisworth history, the industrial history of Northamptonshire, Caroline Chisholm's life, Welsh cattle droving in the county, metal detecting, and 100 hundred years of gardening. The Society has initiated the compilation of a Diamond Jubilee village scrapbook. Villagers and local societies have written about a host of subjects covering family history, people, events, transport history, societies during the last sixty years. The scrapbook numbers more than 150 pages and is complementary to George Freeston's award winning scrapbook which appeared in the coronation year of 1953. The Society is to publish copies on both DVD and memory stick.

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### **From Alan Kent, Bugbrooke History Society**

Of particular interest to the village has been the rediscovery of the old School Bell. It was removed many years ago when the stonework from which it hung was declared unsafe and it was taken down. It was stored away and forgotten except by the oldest village residents. When it came back to the school last year it was in poor condition and black with a thick layer of dirt and grime. It has now been restored to its original metallic finish by a volunteer and the date on it is 1872, the year before the school opened. It was cast at the Bell Foundry which made the original bells for the Big Ben tower of Parliament.

As part of our local history it recalls the time when very few people had clocks or watches. The School Bell, the Church Bell and the Farm Bells rang out to regulate all the village activities.

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## **From Steve Jowers, History Of Tiffield Society**

HOTS continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 'The George'. Recent activities have included a fascinating talk on Roman gold mining techniques, an insight into Towcester museum, its founding and future plans, and 'a suffragette in the family' Pete Barratt provided a stirring and enthusiastic account of his great-grandmother's fight for the vote one hundred years ago.

In June, we had a fascinating presentation on the history of pub skittles by James Masters, of Masters Traditional Games, with an emphasis on Northamptonshire skittles and finished up with a 'killer' game –which was won by James.

We are looking forward to more interesting topics to come this year, including thatching, lace-making and bells and bell founding.

If you would like more information please contact:

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## **From Gren Hatton, Barby Hill Archaeological Project**

Up on Barby Hill it has been a slow year, as we struggled through snow and hail and seemingly endless rain, and waded through a muddy morass that regularly came over the tops of our wellington boots. Despite this, we put in 18 days on site during the year (to May 2013), and managed to extend the magnetometry survey by a further 36,000 square metres, plus further fieldwalking and metal-detection prospecting in several new areas on the north side of the hill, together with a variety of backroom tasks.

It is increasingly clear that this Late Iron Age site extended over a fairly wide area of the hilltop - our surveys show evidence of roundhouses (often significantly intercut) over an area of about 5-6 hectares, but the main concentration of occupation is focused around the area that, by sheer ill luck, was selected as the site for Severn Trent Water's hilltop reservoir about 30 years ago. We will never know how much of the settlement has already been lost under the concrete and when STW extend the reservoir even further (planned for 2014-15), it is a pretty safe bet that even more archaeology will be lost.

In planning the activities for 2013-14, I have therefore put a high priority on

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exploring the area that is at risk (which has involved obtaining permission from Severn Trent Water to work inside their compound) and thanks to the detailed magnetometer surveys already carried out, it has been a straightforward exercise to pinpoint some areas for trial trenching, one of which is directly adjacent to the reservoir compound. Following successful discussions with Severn Trent and the two farmers involved, and a successful derogation application to Natural England, we now have the go-ahead for this work, and so we were back on the hill last week, cutting back waist-high undergrowth and badly overgrown hedge lines and burning off huge piles of brushwood cuttings, clearing the ground to allow a trial trench to be put in during August, over a section about 30 m in length directly adjacent to the reservoir compound. By the time you read this update, this work should be going ahead.

In addition to the trial trenching, I am planning to carry out further magnetometer work to extend the surveys as we still have not reached the limits of settlement in all directions. The plans also include a contour survey of the flat part of the hilltop, aimed at mapping the post-medieval ridge and furrow and establishing accurate contour profiles. There is an area that I believe represents a C16-18 plough headland, which has effectively masked potential Iron Age archaeology beneath an additional layer of soil build-up and this will be a target for further trial trenching once the other higher-priority tasks have been completed.

Several CLASP members are already involved in this work and, I am always very happy to welcome more volunteers.  
Gren Hatton (tel: 01788 822411)

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## List of Contacts for CLASP Associations

Organisation	Contact	Tel
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Flore Heritage Society	John Smith	01327 340387
Brington History Society	Andrew Shaw	01604 770668
Harpole Heritage Group	Jennifer Smith	01604 831294
Whitehall Farm Roman Villa Landscape Project	Brian Culling	01327 340504
Towcester & District Local History Society	Gina Boreham	01327 352687
Bugbrooke History Society	Alan Kent	01604 830518
Friends of Daventry Museums	David Adams	01327 704928
Blisworth Heritage Society	Jim Aveling	01604 859109
Friends of Alderton Monuments	Derek Batten	01327 811304
History of Tiffield Society	Steve Jowers	01327 350292
Northampton Artefact Recovery Club	Alan Standish	Not available

Deadline for the February 2014 Newsletter will be Sunday, February 16. All photos please at approx 300 dpi and separate from the text with indications of their positions.

## Table of Events for CLASP Groups

Date	Time	Event	Location	Group
Meet every 2 months. See <a href="http://www.bugbrookelink.co.uk/history">www.bugbrookelink.co.uk/history</a> or contact Alan Kent, tel: 01604 830518				Bugbrooke History Society
Sept 4	7.45 pm	Annual General Meeting & Review of Accessions	Chapel Schoolroom, Chapel Lane	Flore Heritage Society
Sept 10	8.00 pm	Annual General Meeting & 'Bells and Bell Founding'	Top Room, The George Inn	History of Tiffield Society
Sept 11	7.30 pm	'The 1913 Military Manoeuvres'	Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Sept 12	7.30 pm	'Stowe Gardens & the New Inn'	Methodist Chapel, School Lane	Harpole Heritage Group
Sept 13	7.30 pm	Annual General Meeting, 'Cottesbrooke Hall & Empress Elizabeth'	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Sept 16	8.00 pm	'Richard III Re-vamped'	The Reading Room, Great Brington	Brington History Society
Sept 27	7.30 pm	'The Art of Painting on Canal Boats'	Blisworth Village Hall, Stoke Road	Blisworth Heritage Society
Sept 30	7.30 pm	Rockingham Castle & the Watsons'	Chapel Schoolroom, New Street	Weedon Bec History Society
Oct 2	7.45 pm	'Spires and Squires'	Chapel Schoolroom, School Lane	Flore Heritage Society
Oct 8	8.00 pm	'Thatching'	Top Room, The George Inn	History of Tiffield Society
Oct 9	7.30 pm	'The German POW Camp at Pattishall'	Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Oct 10	7.30 pm	West Northants Navigations & Canals before the Railway'	Methodist Chapel, School Lane	Harpole Heritage Group
Oct 11	7.30 pm	'Princess Vikki'	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Oct 21	8.00 pm	'The Wonderful World of Metal Detecting'	The Reading Room, Great Brington	Brington History Society
Oct 24	7.30 pm	Local History'	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums

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Oct 25	7.30 pm	'History of Newspapers in Northants'	Blisworth Village Hall, Stoke Road	Blisworth Heritage Society
Oct 28	7.30 pm	'Witchcraft in Early Modern Northamptonshire'	Chapel Schoolroom, New Street	Weedon Bec History Society
Nov 6	7.45 pm	'Herbert Ponting'	Chapel Schoolroom, Chapel Lane	Flore Heritage Society
Nov 8	7.30 pm	'The History of Bricks & Brick Building in England'	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Nov 12	8.00 pm	'The History of Lace-making'	Top Room, The George Inn	History of Tiffield Society
Nov 13	8.00 pm	'The Railway Families'	Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Nov 14	TBA	Annual Dinner	TBA	Harpole Heritage Group
Nov 18	8.00 pm	'The Brington Museum of Mystery Objects'	The Reading Room, Great Brington	Brington History Society
Nov 24	7.30 pm	'Off the Beaten Track'	The Schoolroom, New Street	Weedon Bec History Society
Nov 29	7.30 pm	'The Life of John Clare, Northants Poet'	Blisworth Village Hall, Stoke Road	Blisworth Heritage Society
Dec 4	7.45 pm	Annual Dinner	The Barn Restaurant, Upper Stowe	Flore Heritage Society
Dec 10	8.00 pm	Christmas Quiz & Talk on 'Pocket Parks'	Top Room, The George Inn	History of Tiffield Society
Dec 11	8.00 pm	Christmas Social	Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Dec 12	7.30 pm	A Talk & Valuation of Members' Antiques	Methodist Chapel, School Lane	Harpole Heritage Group
Dec 13	7.30 pm	Christmas Social & Northampton in Old Postcards	Blisworth Village Hall, Stoke Road	Blisworth Heritage Society

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Jan 8	8.00 pm	'Living in a National Trust Property'	The Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Jan 9	7.30 pm	'The Battle of Britain'	Methodist Chapel, School Lane	Harpole Heritage Group
Jan 10	7.30 pm	'Oh No it isn't - Oh Yes it is ' (Pantomime)	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Jan 20	8.00 pm	'Looking Back - Brington of Yesterday'	The Reading Room, Great Brington	Brington History Society
Jan 27	7.30 pm	'London Bridge'	Chapel Schoolroom, New Street	Weedon Bec History Society
Feb 5	7.45 pm	Eleanor of Castile & the Eleanor Crosses'	Chapel Schoolroom, Chapel Lane	Flore Heritage Society
Feb 12	8.00 pm	'Roman Artillery'	Riverside Centre, Islington Road	Towcester & District Local History Society
Feb 13	7.30 pm	Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens'	Methodist Chapel, School Lane	Harpole Heritage Society
Feb 14	7.30 pm	'Saints and Sinners'	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Feb 17	8.00 pm	'Researching into Family History'	The Reading Room, Great Brington	Brington History Society
Feb 27	10.30 am	Coffee Morning	The Abbey, Abbey Street	Friends of Daventry Museums
Mar 5	7.45 pm	'Royal Mistresses'	Chapel Schoolroom, Chapel Lane	Flore Heritage Society