

Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
AGM and public lecture

Thursday, 14 November 2013

Doors open 6.30 for light refreshments:

7.00pm - AGM

Followed at 7.30 by a public lecture –

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**THE CRIMINAL CORPSE:
DISPOSING OF THE REMAINS OF EXECUTED
CRIMINALS IN THE 18TH CENTURY**

at

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

All welcome - free entry

Joint meeting with the Northampton Branch of the Historical Association



A woodcut from the Newgate Calendar, which shows the hand of a newly hanged man being applied to a young woman in an effort to cure a disease of the neck

Between 1752 and 1832 the bodies of executed murderers were legally denied burial in consecrated ground. Instead they were donated for anatomical dissection or 'hung in chains' (displayed in a gibbet). A new major research programme funded by the Wellcome Trust is bringing Leicester academics in the School of Archaeology and Ancient History, and the School of Historical Studies together with colleagues from the University of Hertfordshire and Oxford Brookes University to examine the fate of the corpses of executed criminals.