

Monumental Brass Society

South Mimms Church

Hertfordshire

Saturday, 31st March 2012 at 2.00p.m.

In the words of Sir Simon Jenkins, the church of St. Giles at South Mimms, “defies a pandemonium of motorways and service stations near the intersection of the A1 and M25”. It is hoped that this will not deter members of the Society and guests from attending this General Meeting.

The church is noted for its connections with members of the medieval Frowyk family of London and Middlesex who were lords of the manor for three centuries. The French inscription brass to Henry Frowyk, [1386], is the earliest surviving in the church. The important brass memorial to Thomas Frowyk, [1448], and his widow, Elizabeth, together with their six sons and thirteen daughters, has recently been moved to the North Chapel. Attendees will be given an opportunity to appreciate the church, view the Frowyk memorials together with a further six 17th century brasses and important canopy monuments of comparable date.

The visit will include a series of short talks as follows:

The Frowyk Family of Middlesex and London by Jessica Freeman

Henry Frowyk's Foundation Stone at the Guildhall Chapel, London
by Nick Holder

Commemoration of the Frowyks at South Mimms by Jon Bayliss

The Brasses of South Mimms by Derrick Chivers

Arrangements have also been made for access to the nearby church at Ridge. The building contains a fine early 16th century military indent, a wall painting of St. Christopher and other medieval features which are of interest.

Ridge Church will be open from 11.30a.m. – 1.00p.m. for those wishing to visit.

South Mimms Church is reasonably close to Potters Bar station on the line from King's Cross then catch Bus 84 to the White Hart Inn (a journey time of 7 minutes with a service every 20 minutes). The postcode for the church for satellite navigation is EN6 3PN. Ample parking is available.



**Thirteen daughters from the brass to Thomas Frowyk, [1448],
and widow Elizabeth at South Mimms, Hertfordshire**
(Photo: Martin Stuchfield)