

# Monumental Brass Society

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2014



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

## Trustees and advisers

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## Notice of meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the church dedicated to St. Peter at Church Lane, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 2AX on Saturday, 8th August 2015 at 2.00p.m.

### A G E N D A

- 2.00p.m.
1. Apologies for absence
  2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th July 2014
  3. Approval of the Trustees' Report
  4. Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014
  5. Election of the Independent Examiner
  6. Election of Officers to serve in accordance with Rule 3 (see Note 1)
  7. Election of members to serve on the Executive Council (see Note 2)
  8. To discuss the financial management of the Society (see President's letter)
  9. Any Other Business
- 3.30p.m.
10. Our member, Jessica Barker will speak on  
*Middle Class Love: the 14th century brass to Richard Torryngton and his wife Margaret Incent*

8th July 2015

By Order of the Executive Council  
**Christian Steer**  
*Hon. Secretary*

**Note 1**

The Executive Council propose the following names for office during the coming year:

President:	H.M. Stuchfield, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
Vice-Presidents:	Rev. Fr. J.F.A. Bertram, M.A., F.S.A. P.D. Cockerham, M.A., Ph.D., Vet.M.B., F.S.A., M.R.C.V.S. Prof. N.E. Saul, M.A., D.Phil., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. N.J. Rogers, M.A., M.Litt., F.S.A. Ven. D.G. Meara, M.A., F.S.A. S.G.H. Freeth, B.A., Dip.Arch.Admin., F.S.A.
Hon. Secretary:	C.O. Steer, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.A.
Hon. Treasurer:	R.C. Kinsey, M.A., Ph.D.
Hon. Editor:	N.J. Rogers, M.A., M.Litt., F.S.A.

**Note 2**

The members of the Executive Council retiring by rotation this year are D.A. Chivers, B.A.(Hons.), F.S.A., F.R.G.S. and J.L.H. Moor, LL.B.(Hons.), B.A.(Hons.). Two nominations have been received for the two vacancies for election to the Executive Council:

J.A. Cameron, M.A., Ph.D., proposed by L. de Beer and seconded by M.J. Sillence, M.A., Ph.D. James has been a member of the Society since 2013. He has a general appreciation of monumental brasses and is primarily interested in Gothic architecture and sculpture in England. His other interests include digital humanities, outreach and crowd-sourcing.

Miss P. Williams, B.A.(Hons.), proposed by H.M. Stuchfield, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. and seconded by R. Webber, M.A. Penny is a teacher. She has been a member of the Society since 2013. She has a general appreciation of monumental brasses and is primarily interested in the early/high medieval period. Her other interests include working as a voluntary transcriber at the National Archives.

## Trustees' report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Society was founded in 1887 as the Cambridge University Association of Brass Collectors and renamed as the Monumental Brass Society on 1st January 1894. The Society went into abeyance from 1st December 1914 until its revival on 6th February 1934. It is governed by a Trust Deed dated 1st April 1967 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 27th November 1967. H.M. Revenue & Customs has accepted the Society as a Charity within the definition of section 506(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, as a result of which the Society's income and gains are not taxable to the extent that they are applicable and applied to charitable purposes.

The affairs of the Society are managed by an Executive Council ("the Trustees") of which all the officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor) are members in addition to six ordinary members. The latter serve for a period of three years with two such members retiring by rotation each year. No person retiring is eligible for re-election at the same meeting. Nominations to fill vacancies on the Executive Council, duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Society and indicating the willingness of the nominee to stand must reach the Hon. Secretary by not later than 7th June each year. The officers of the Society and members of the Executive Council are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees have the power to fill vacancies occurring amongst the officers till the next Annual General Meeting and to co-opt such additional members as in their judgement are necessary.

The Trustees normally meet three times each year to consider grant applications and to conduct the business of the Charity.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Society's objects are:

- (a) To endeavour to ensure the better preservation of monumental brasses, indents of lost brasses and incised slabs;
- (b) To promote the study of, and interest in, monumental brasses, indents and incised slabs by the publication of transactions and in any other way possible; and
- (c) To compile with a view to publication a list of all extant brasses, indents and incised slabs, both British and foreign.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Society should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### ***Members***

During the period under review 16 (2013/14: 28) new members were elected and, after taking into account deaths, resignations and lapsed members, the membership stood, as at the date of this report, at 409 (2013/14: 415). The total comprised 5 (2013/14: 6) Honorary members; 348 (2013/14: 356) Ordinary members; 12 (2013/14: 10) Family members; 12 (2013/14: 10) Associate members; and 32 (2013/14: 33) Institutional members.



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### Achievements and performance (continued)

#### *Personalia*

The period under review saw the passing of three members: James Arnold (2008), Margaret Buxton (1998), and Andrew Elkerton (2009).

#### *Meetings*

Two General Meetings of the Society were held.

The first was held jointly with the Church Monuments Society at the Institute of Historical Research at Senate House, London on 15th November 2014. Richard Marks opened proceedings with a paper entitled '*Brass and Glass: the medieval tomb window*', followed by Michael Carter who spoke on *The Mysterious Mitre on the Monument*; our member, Matthew Ward on *Late Medieval Style: the Role of Agency and the Workshop*; our member, Harriette Peel on *Women, Children and Guardian Angels in Late Medieval Flemish Funerary Art*; and our member, Ann Adams on '*Revealed and Concealed: Monumental Brasses on Tomb Chests: the examples of John I, Duke of Cleves, and Catherine of Bourbon*'. After lunch, our member, Jessica Knowles spoke on '*Controlling the Past: the Medieval Brasses of All Saints North Street York*'; Sanne Frequin on *Tournai Stone: an investigation of materiality*; and our member, Robert Marcoux on *The Social Meaning and Artistic Potential of a Medium: Brass and the Medieval Tombs of the Gaignières Collection*. Finally, our Hon. Secretary, Christian Steer spoke on '*A Melting Pot of Death: Burials and Brasses in the London Grey Friars*'. The meeting was organised by Ann Adams, Jessica Barker and the Hon. Secretary.

The second General meeting was held by special arrangement at Battle church, East Sussex on 28th March 2015. Following a welcome by the President an introductory talk entitled *St. Mary's Church, Battle* was provided by Clifford Braybrooke. Our member, Bob Hutchinson spoke on *The Brasses of Battle Church* followed by Nigel Llewellyn, who contributed *The Monument to Sir Anthony Browne and his wife, Alice Gage*. The meeting was organised by our member, Janet McQueen.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the church dedicated to St. Michael at Bray, Berkshire on 5th July 2014. Following the formal business our member, Brian Kemp, a Vice-President of the Church Monuments Society, spoke on *The Brasses and Monuments of Bray Church*.

#### *Joint Symposium*

A Joint Symposium, with the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, was held at Sotterley, Suffolk on 7th June 2014. Proceedings were opened in the church of St. Margaret with a welcome and introduction by the President followed by our member, Diarmaid MacCulloch, President of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, who spoke on *Swimming against the tide: Catholic recusancy in Elizabethan Suffolk*. Viewing of the brasses and monuments concluded the morning session. The afternoon commenced with a talk by our member, Toby Capwell, Curator of Arms and Armour at The Wallace Collection, on *The Knights of Sotterley: Representations of Armour in an Important Series of Funerary Brasses*. Finally, our member, David Carrington, Founder and Managing Director of the Skillington Workshop, spoke on the *Conservation of the Monument to Sir Thomas Players, 1638*. Tea rounded off proceedings. The day was chaired by our President and organised by Christian Steer (who also acted as Registrar) and Martin Stuchfield. This event raised the sum of £930.00 towards the conservation of the important series of monumental brasses.

#### *Study Day*

A Study Day was held at Cirencester, Gloucestershire on 5th July 2014. Proceedings were opened in the church of St. John the Baptist with a welcome by the President followed by Miriam Gill who spoke on *The Chantry Chapel of Bishop Chedworth*. Our member, Rupert Webber contributed *Piety and Belief: the brasses of*

## Trustees' report

### **Achievements and performance** (continued)

#### **Study Day** (continued)

*Medieval Cirencester* with a tour of the church to view the brasses and monuments concluding the morning session. The afternoon commenced with a talk by our member, Sally Badham on *Three Cirencester merchants, their brasses and commemorative strategies*. Finally, Peter Fleming spoke on *Commemoration at Cirencester and the later Medieval Gentry*. Tea rounded off proceedings. The day was chaired by our President and organised by Ellie Pridgeon and Rupert Webber. Our Hon. Secretary acted as Registrar.

#### **Publications**

The period under review produced one further issue of the *Transactions* for 2014 (Volume XIX, Part 1) under the editorship of Nicholas Rogers.

The Hon. Bulletin Editor, William Lack, was responsible for three issues of the *Bulletin* (127, 128 and 129).

#### **Website**

The website continued under the management of the Hon. Internet Publicity Officer, Jon Bayliss, and can be accessed at [www.mbs-brasses.co.uk](http://www.mbs-brasses.co.uk).

#### **Conservation**

In the matter of conservation of brasses the Society has made the following grants:

For the financial period from 24th May to 31st December 2014:

Huntingdonshire, Diddington: £100 towards the conservation of the monumental brass commemorating William Taylard, 1505, and wife Elizabeth, (LSW.I);

Suffolk, Orford: £150 towards the conservation of the monumental brass commemorating Bridget Coe, 1580, and her two husbands, Roger Sawyer, and James Coe, (M.S.IX); and

Suffolk, Sotterley: £500.00 towards the conservation of four monumental brasses (M.S.IV, VIII, IX and X);

#### **Financial review**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005. It is the policy of the Society that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Society's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the Executive Council  
**Martin Stuchfield**  
President

9th May 2015

## Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Society for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



## Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31st December 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Subscription and voluntary income	2	10,312	—	10,312	9,908
Investment income	3	71	415	486	501
		<u>10,383</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>10,798</u>	<u>10,409</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,776	1,087	3,863	2,083
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>13,159</u>	<u>1,502</u>	<u>14,661</u>	<u>12,492</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of generating funds:					
Publications	5	13,076	—	13,076	12,265
<b>Net incoming resources available</b>		<u>83</u>	<u>1,502</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>227</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Governance costs	5	2,790	—	2,790	3,997
Church donations	5	650	—	650	—
Grants	6	—	750	750	875
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>16,516</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>17,137</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>		<u>(3,357)</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>(2,605)</u>	<u>(4,645)</u>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
(Reduction)/gains on investment assets		(6)	—	(6)	1,436
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(3,363)</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>(2,611)</u>	<u>(3,209)</u>
Fund balances at 1st January 2014		<u>25,258</u>	<u>19,088</u>	<u>44,346</u>	<u>47,555</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31st December 2014</b>		<u>21,895</u>	<u>19,840</u>	<u>41,735</u>	<u>44,346</u>

## Balance sheet

as at 31st December 2014

	Notes	2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments		8,629		8,635	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,722		38,511	
		<u>44,351</u>		<u>47,146</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,616)		(2,800)	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>41,735</u>		<u>44,346</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	10		19,840		19,088
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted income funds		14,164		17,521	
Revaluation reserve	11	7,731		7,737	
			<u>21,895</u>		<u>25,258</u>
			<u>41,735</u>		<u>44,346</u>

Note: No value has been placed on the Society's archives, library and publications stock.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 9th May 2015

Signed on their behalf by:

**Martin Stuchfield**  
*President*

**Robert Kinsey**  
*Hon. Treasurer*

## Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2014

### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Grants are recognised as incoming resources when receivable.

Membership subscriptions are recognised as incoming resources when received.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

These are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include V.A.T. which cannot be recovered. Governance comprises costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

#### 1.4 Investments

Current asset investments are stated at market value.

#### 1.5 Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are included in net outgoing resources.

## Notes to the accounts

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### 2. Subscription and voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	9,000	—	9,000	9,569
Income Tax refund (2013)	1,223	—	1,223	—
Donations	89	—	89	339
	<u>10,312</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10,312</u>	<u>9,908</u>

### 3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£
Income from U.K. listed investments	—	399	399	381
Interest receivable	71	16	87	120
	<u>71</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>501</u>

### 4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£
Book sales	78	157	235	453
Royalties	31	—	31	39
Grants receivable (Transactions)	1,358	—	1,358	1,150
Cirencester Study Day	1,309	—	1,309	—
Sotterley Study Day	—	930	930	—
Excursions and Study Days	—	—	—	441
	<u>2,776</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>2,083</u>

## Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2014

### 5. Total resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
Costs of generating funds:				
Publications				
Bulletins (3 issues)	3,000	—	3,000	4,000
Centenary short history	—	—	—	1,000
Lingfield booklet	—	—	—	480
Palimpsest supplement	—	—	—	614
Transactions 2012	—	—	—	4,360
Transactions 2013	4,433	—	4,433	—
Transactions 2014	2,810	—	2,810	—
Postage	2,833	—	2,833	1,811
	<u>13,076</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>13,076</u>	<u>12,265</u>
Charitable activities:				
Donation to churches for hosting meetings	650	—	650	—
Grant funding of activities	—	750	750	875
	<u>650</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>875</u>
Governance costs				
Independent Examiners' fees	—	—	—	1,000
Insurance	58	—	58	—
Meetings	672	—	672	1,475
Postage and stationery (2013 and 2014)	1,302	—	1,302	165
Subscription (Council for British Archaeology)	60	—	60	—
Travel costs	536	—	536	626
Website fee	119	—	119	—
Sundry expenses	43	—	43	731
	<u>2,790</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,790</u>	<u>3,997</u>
Total resources expended	<u>16,516</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>17,137</u>

## Notes to the accounts

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### 6. Grants payable

	<b>Total 2014</b>	Total 2013
	<b>£</b>	£
Grants	<b>750</b>	875
Reconciliation of grants payable:		
Commitments made in the year	<b>750</b>	875
Grants paid during the year	<b>(1,350)</b>	(1,250)
Grants not required during the year	<b>(425)</b>	(250)
Commitments at 1st January 2014	<b>1,900</b>	2,525
Commitments at 31st December 2014	<b>875</b>	1,900

Applicant parish		Unpaid at 1st January 2014 £	Made in 2014 £	Paid in 2014 £	Not required £	Unpaid at 31st December 2014 £
Yorks., Lowthorpe	(09)	250.00			250.00	
Middx., Hillingdon	(11)	175.00		175.00		
Norfolk, Winterton	(12)	100.00		100.00		
Suffolk, Laxfield	(12)	175.00			175.00	
Yorkshire, Londesborough	(12)	200.00				<b>200.00</b>
Yorkshire, Ripon	(12)	125.00				<b>125.00</b>
Essex, Rettendon	(13)	150.00				<b>150.00</b>
Nottinghamshire, North Wheatley	(13)	150.00		150.00		
Oxfordshire, Mapledurham	(13)	150.00				<b>150.00</b>
Suffolk, Sotterley	(13)	425.00		425.00		
Huntingdonshire, Diddington	(14)		100.00			<b>100.00</b>
Suffolk, Orford	(14)		150.00			<b>150.00</b>
Suffolk, Sotterley	(14)		500.00	500.00		
		1,900.00	750.00	1,350.00	425.00	<b>875.00</b>

A Symposium, with the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, held on 7th June 2014 raised the sum of £930.00 towards the conservation of the monumental brasses at Sotterley, Suffolk. An additional grant of £500.00, making a total of £925.00, was paid during the financial year in order to complete brass conservation works comprising Phase I. The balance of £430.00 is being held in reserve for anticipated completion of Phase II.



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### 7. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Trustees are re-imbursed for travel costs incurred and claimed when attending meetings of the Charity.

### 8. Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>Total 2014</b>	Total 2013
	£	£
Grants payable	<b>875</b>	1,900
Accruals	<b>1,741</b>	900
	<b><u>2,616</u></b>	<u>2,800</u>

### 10. Restricted funds

The income funds of the Charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:.

	Movement in funds			<b>Balance at 31st December 2014</b>
	1st January 2014	Incoming resources	Resources expended	<b>2014</b>
	£	£	£	£
Conservation Fund	<u>19,088</u>	<u>1,502</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<b><u>19,840</u></b>

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### 11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31st December 2014 are represented by:			
Current assets	24,511	19,840	44,351
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,616)	—	(2,616)
	<u>21,895</u>	<u>19,840</u>	<u>(41,735)</u>
Unrealised gains included above:			
Investments	7,731	—	7,731
	<u>7,731</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,731</u>
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains:			
Unrealised gains at 1st January 2014	7,737	—	7,737
Net gains on revaluations in year	(6)	—	(6)
<b>Unrealised gains at 31st December 2014</b>	<u>7,731</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,731</u>

## Independent examiner's report

### To the Trustees of the Monumental Brass Society

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2014 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

7th July 2015

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*Independent Examiner*

**Cover:**

**Monumental brass commemorating a man in armour, engraved c.1365**

**Possibly John Raven, 1395**

**Great Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire (LSW.II)**

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