

Monumental Brass Society AGM

St Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey

Saturday 20th July 2024

The formal business of the A.G.M. will be held in St. Mary's, Beddington at 11.00a.m.

Programme

- 2.00 pm *Welcome by the President of the Monumental Brass Society*
- 2.05 pm *Tour of St Mary's Church led by Mrs Christine Morgan*
- 2.40 pm *John Phillips: The Carew Family and the Church*
- 3.15 pm *Tea and viewing of the brasses*
- 3.45pm *Stephen Freeth, one of our Vice-Presidents:
The Brasses at St Mary's Church*
- 4.15pm *Closing Remarks*

Location details

St. Mary's Beddington is mostly 14th and 15th century, restored and enlarged by the architect Joseph Clarke in the 19th century. It has a Purbeck marble font of c.1200, and nine medieval misericords in the chancel. The interior is decorated in the Arts & Crafts style. The organ screen was made by William Morris & Co in 1869.

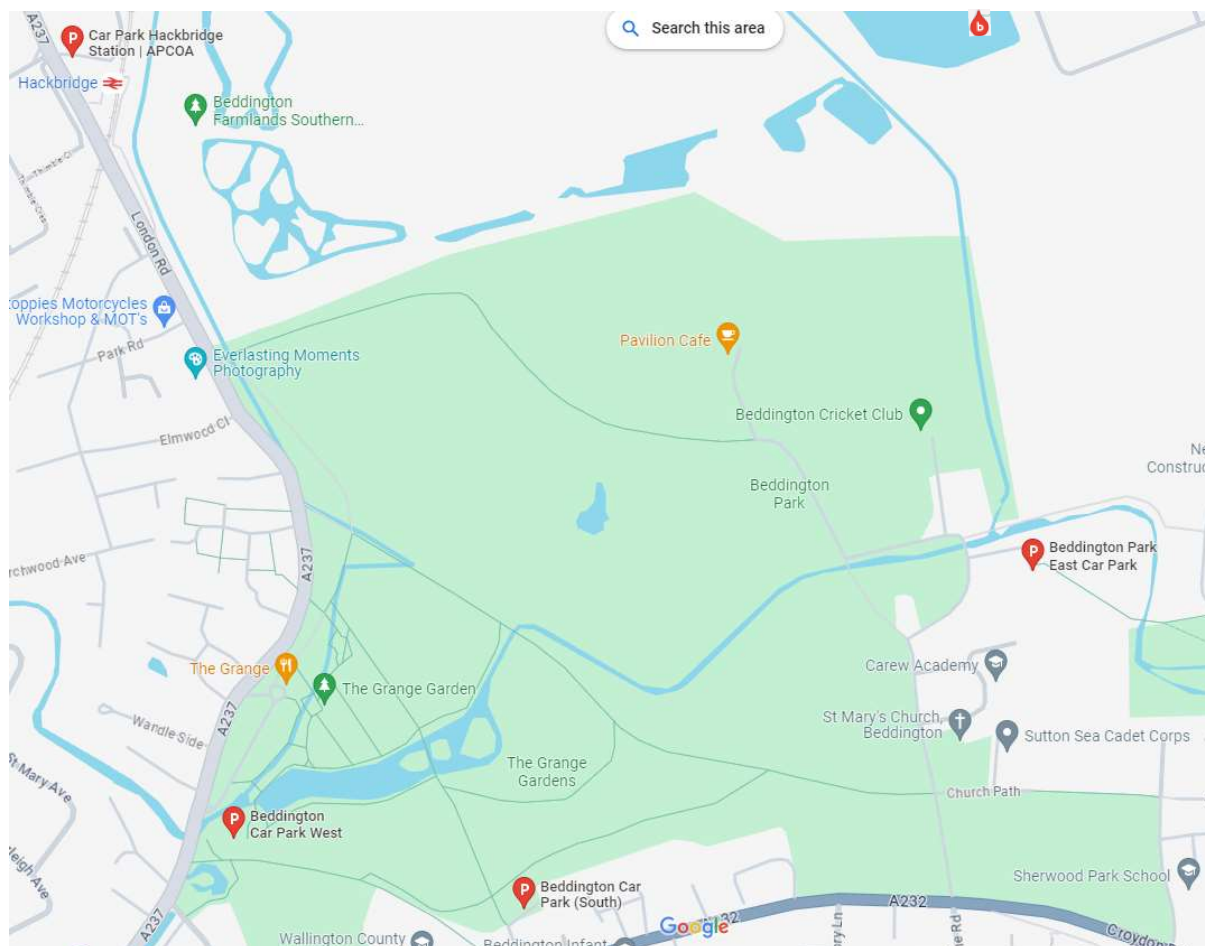
The chancel contains important medieval brasses to the Carews, who lived in Carew Manor (now the Carew Academy) next to the church. For many years these brasses were inaccessible, but those in the main aisle have recently been uncovered, and the church authorities have agreed to dismantle the Victorian choir stalls to expose other brasses for our visit. The Carew Chapel also contains a stone tomb for Sir Richard Carew d.1520, and a huge tomb with alabaster effigy for Sir Francis Carew d.1611.

Image from Mill Stephenson: A List of Monumental Brasses in Surrey, 28.



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The postcode for satellite navigation is SM6 7NH. The church does not have a car park and parking can be difficult on sports days. There is some parking in Church Path by the Church and some not-very-obvious public parking at the end of Church Road, behind Beddington Park Cottages. (Go past the church and the Manor/Academy, through the gates marked “Weak Bridge” and round to the right). There are several other car parks within the park about 10 minutes’ walk away.



The nearest station is Hackbridge (around 30 minutes from London Victoria or London Blackfriars), and is a ten-minute walk from the church across Beddington Park.

Tea/coffee and cake will be provided in the St Mary’s Centre in the northeast corner of the church.

St Mary’s also has The Tower Café which sells cake and tea or coffee. As the church is some distance from any shops, members attending the morning and afternoon meetings might wish to bring some lunch.