

Monumental Brass Society

Stamford, Lincolnshire

Saturday, 2nd April 2022

Stamford was described by Celia Fiennes in 1697 'as fine a built town all of stone as maybe seen'. This enchanting Lincolnshire town remains unspoilt to the present day and is a frequently used film location. In 2013 it was rated a top place to live in a survey by *The Sunday Times*.

An opportunity will be afforded to visit Browne's Hospital or Bedehouse founded by William Browne, a rich wool merchant of Stamford, in 1475. The chapel contains medieval misericord stalls and fine stained glass. It will also be possible to view the late 15th century benefaction brass.

Five of the town's churches contain a total of twenty medieval brasses! The church dedicated to St. John the Baptist (vested with the Churches Conservation Trust in 2003) will be open especially for the purpose of viewing two 15th century brasses that are products of the Fens Series 2 workshop.

The meeting itself will be held in All Saints church containing the fine brass commemorating John Browne, merchant of the staple of Calais, who died in 1442, and his wife Margery, 1460. Two fine effigial brasses also depict his sons William (referred to above) and John.

Programme

- 11.00a.m. ***Visit to Browne's Hospital***
- 12 Noon Lunch and an opportunity to visit St. John's Church
- 2.00p.m. ***Welcome at All Saints Church***
by Martin Stuchfield, President of the Monumental Brass Society
- 2.15p.m. ***Sites of burial in late medieval Stamford***
by Professor Alan Rogers
- 2.45p.m. ***Lincolnshire Wool merchants and their brasses***
by John Lee
- 3.15p.m. Tea and viewing of the brasses
- 3.30p.m. ***Fenland brasses***
by Jon Bayliss
- 4.15p.m. ***Closing remarks***
by Martin Stuchfield, President of the Monumental Brass Society

The Church will be open prior to the meeting and all are welcome. The meeting is free. However booking is required in order to access Browne's Hospital.

The church of All Saints is situated in All Saints' Place, Stamford. The postcode for satellite navigation is PE9 2AG. Stamford station (served from London: King's Cross) is a short walk of 0.4 miles (10 minutes) from the church.

Overleaf: John Browne, merchant of the staple of Calais, 1442, in mantle, standing on wool packs, and wife Margery, 1460, All Saints, Stamford.

