

Monumental Brass Society

Trotton, Sussex

Saturday, 15th October 2022

Trotton lies in a bend on the River Rother, between Midhurst and Petersfield. The parish church dedicated to St. George was mostly built in the early 14th century.

In 1904, the whitewash was removed from the west wall to reveal spectacular 14th century wall paintings featuring the Last Judgement, the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Works of Mercy.

The church contains two nationally important brasses. Margarete de Camoys portrayed in graceful kirtle, cote-hardie, wimple and veil dates to c.1310. Indents for a single canopy, marginal inscription in Lombardics, eight shields together with nine further small shields on the effigy, and devices, estoiles and other objects powder the slab of this elaborate composition.

The second brass is to Thomas, Baron Camoys, K.G. (d.1421) and his wife, Elizabeth Mortimer (d.1417), widow of Harry 'Hotspur' Percy. Camoys fought at Agincourt with Henry V. The brass has been described as a superb monument that might well be chosen as the finest English brass of the 15th century.

Other monuments include the tomb chest to Sir Roger Lewknor (d.1478), husband of Eleanor Camoys, the granddaughter of Thomas, Baron Camoys, K.G.

Programme

- 2.00p.m. **Welcome**
by David Meara, President of the Monumental Brass Society
- 2.05p.m. ***The Camoys family, the church and the brasses***
by Nigel Saul
- 2.35p.m. ***Thomas Camoys and the Hundred Years War***
by Anne Curry
- 3.00p.m. Tea and viewing of the brasses
- 3.30p.m. ***Sin and Salvation: the wall paintings at Trotton***
by Florence Eccleston
- 4.15p.m. **Closing remarks**
by David Meara, President of the Monumental Brass Society

The Church will be open prior to the meeting and all are welcome. The meeting is free with no booking required. Light refreshments will be provided in the afternoon. Contact Caroline Metcalfe at mbsvisit@metcas.me.uk. or 07934 284004 (please only telephone if necessary during the preceding week).

The church at Trotton is situated on the A272 between Midhurst and Petersfield. The building is on the right, set back from a bend in the road just beyond the traffic lights and bridge over the River Rother if approaching from Midhurst. The postcode for satellite navigation is GU31 5EN. Car parking is available at nearby Trotton Farm by kind permission of the owners. Petersfield station (served from London: Waterloo) is 7 miles from the church.

Overleaf: Detail from the monumental brass to Thomas, Baron Camoys, K.G. (d.1421).

