

Monumental Brass Society

in association with the Rector and Churchwardens
of St. Mary the Virgin, Church, Walthamstow and the
Walthamstow Historical Society

Walthamstow

Saturday, 28th September 2019

The church of St. Mary the Virgin predominantly dates from the 16th century. In 1535, Sir George Monoux (Master of the Worshipful Company of Drapers' on six occasions, Mayor of Bristol in 1501 and Lord Mayor of London in 1514) repaired the north aisle and built a chapel at the east end. Monoux (who is commemorated in brass with his wife Dame Ann) also rebuilt the upper stages of the Tower and endowed a Grammar School in 1527. This building, now the Walthamstow Almshouses, remains on the north side of the church. The church contains a total of five mainstream brasses of which two are palimpsest with facsimiles of the earlier engraving displayed. Numerous stone monuments abound including that to Sir Thomas and Lady Merry, 1633 – the work of Nicholas Stone.

A rare opportunity will also be afforded to visit the The Ancient House. This former hall house dates from the 15th century and has been converted into four dwellings. The building was restored to its present splendour in 2001-2.

Programme

- 11.15a.m. ***Short walk highlighting the medieval village of Walthamstow***
by Neil Houghton, Hon. Secretary of the Walthamstow Historical Society
- 11.45a.m. ***Visit to the Ancient House, Walthamstow***
by courtesy of William Fuller (subject to occupancy)
- 12 Noon Lunch and an opportunity to visit St. Mary's Church
and the Vestry House Museum
- 2.00p.m. ***Welcome***
by Rev. Vanessa Conant, Rector of St. Mary's, Walthamstow
- 2.10p.m. ***Opening remarks***
by Martin Stuchfield, President of the Monumental Brass Society
- 2.15p.m. ***A History of St. Mary's Church and the parish of Walthamstow***
by Neil Houghton, Hon. Secretary of the Walthamstow Historical Society
- 3.15p.m. Tea and viewing of the brasses and monuments
- 3.45p.m. ***The Monumental Brasses of St. Mary's***
by Martin Stuchfield

The Church will be open prior to the meeting and all are welcome.
The meeting which is free with no booking required.

The church is located in Church Lane/Church End. The postcode for satellite navigation is London E17 9RJ. The nearest station is Walthamstow Central on the Victoria underground line. The church is a walking distance of 0.4 miles (9 minutes) due east from the station along St. Mary's Lane.

Overleaf: Sir George Monoux, Lord Mayor of London, 1543 (LSW.II)

