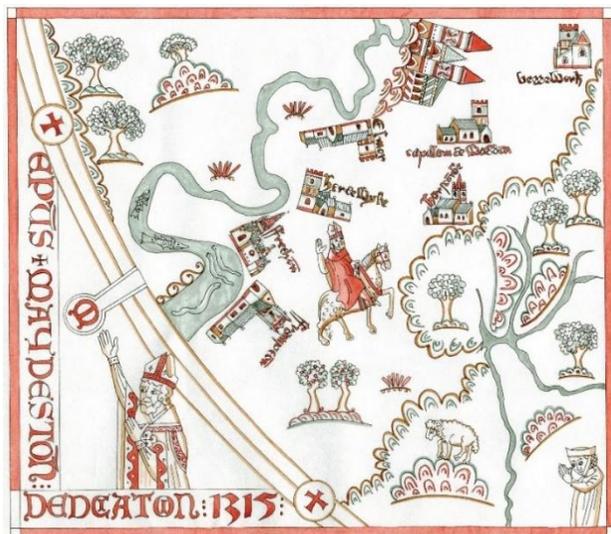


A medieval weekend in the Severn Vale: 26-28 June 2015



Seven hundred years ago, in the summer of 1315, the communities of Frampton on Severn, Fretherne, Harescombe and Whaddon celebrated the consecration of their churches with **feasting, processions and ales**.

With the help of Heritage Lottery funding, we are re-creating those events with authentic **costumes, dance, music and song**. **Giants and beasts** will take part in our Dedication Day processions. You are welcome to step back in time, visit our churches with their 'medieval' decorations and **join our celebrations and services**.



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St Mary the Virgin, Frampton on Severn

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St Mary the Virgin, Frampton on Severn, has been much-extended since medieval times when its walls would have been covered in vibrant images. Local schoolchildren have now created new 'wall paintings', depicting stories from the bible, and also have learnt 14th century music.

Festivities in Frampton will start at the Churchwardens' Ale on Saturday 27 June with five hours of medieval fun for all the family. Turn the clock back and enjoy the dance, music, songs, mystery plays and games of 1315. Enter the hobby horse competition, (please bring yours suitably attired), practice medieval handwriting, eat, drink and be merry until the service of Compline with its traditional plainsong.

Dedication Day processions were an important part of the celebrations and traditionally included giants and beasts. Why not join our giant, St Blaise, as he 'dances' his way through the village on Sunday 28 June with Bishop Walter Maidstone of Worcester (who dedicated our churches), Merry the horse and Siglo the salmon.*
***NB Road closure 10am-11.30am, Sunday 28 June**

Frampton will host our main commemoration service which will be led by the Right Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Tewkesbury. Experience elements of the original dedication services combined with modern worship before joining us for a 'bring and share' picnic lunch.

St Mary the Virgin, Fretherne

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The medieval church of St Mary the Virgin, Fretherne, was demolished in 1846 to make way for the present church which was built in the Late Decorated style, reminiscent of Gothic designs of c1290-1350.

Local artists will be displaying painted banners with the theme of 'parables of our own time'.

On Friday 26 June, a five-course Medieval Feast will be followed by music and a short play. Advance booking is essential. Tickets (£20 per head) from 07927 414292 or bridget.meredith@btinternet.com.



Those wanting to come in costume may also wish to contact Bridget as she is offering a medieval wardrobe facility in return for a small donation to Fretherne church.



Proud sponsors of Fretherne's Medieval Feast and Frampton's Churchwardens' Ale

St John the Baptist, Harescombe

Harescombe has very narrow lanes.
Please park as directed by local signage.



The bellcote at St John the Baptist, Harescombe, contains the oldest bell in Gloucestershire and is thought to date to the 13th century. The church is open daily.

Take an historic tour around the building, learning about the connections between its features and the local community.

A display of images of consecration crosses on the interior walls remind us that these were placed where a bishop had anointed a church with chrism or holy water in order to consecrate it.

A new altar frontal, made by ladies from the local community, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Tewkesbury during the service on Sunday 28 June.

DEDICATION: 1315:

A total of 43 churches and/or their altars were consecrated by Bishop Maidstone of Worcester in 1315. Heritage Lottery funding has enabled us to research the background to these events and provide details of how to celebrate them authentically. We have made our findings available to the other churches, many of which are planning their own celebrations. Please visit our website for more information.

St Margaret of Scotland, Whaddon

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The church at Whaddon was originally dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch, and is a small and simple traditional building dating largely from the 13th century.

Children from two local schools have been preparing for the Dedication 1315 weekend by learning about the traditional activities of the 14th century. Their 'medieval' paintings will adorn the walls of the church giving a strong visual impression of what the building might have looked like at the time of its dedication.

Whaddon 700 on Saturday 27 June, will include a procession with beasts, musicians, singers and dancers. You are invited to come along dressed as beasts or giants.

Everyone will have a chance to join in songs such as *Sumer is icumen in* that have endured for more than 700 years. Expect plenty of medieval fun!



The service at Whaddon on Sunday 28 June will be conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury

Dedication 1315 - Timetable of events

Please feel free to dress in costume throughout the weekend



Friday 26 June

10am-5pm Churches open

7pm Five-course Medieval Feast at Fretherne church, with traditional entertainment. Booking essential – see Fretherne church details overleaf.

Saturday 27 June

10am-5pm Churches open

11am-1pm Whaddon 700, including a musical procession with beasts and dancing from Tuffley Primary School (GL4 0JY) to Whaddon church

3pm-8pm Churchwardens' Ale at Frampton church. Medieval family fun with authentic refreshments and activities

8pm Service of Compline in Frampton church

Sunday 28 June

10am-5pm Churches open

10am-11.30am Dedication Day procession with giants and beasts, singers, dancers and musicians from Manor Farm to Frampton church (**Road closure in operation – please park in designated car park by 10am**)

11.30am Service at Frampton church followed by a pre-booked ploughmans (from amanda.downton@btinternet.com)

or 'bring and share' picnic lunch

2.45pm Service in Whaddon church

5pm Service in Harescombe church



Come and join our medieval fun!