

Announcing a new book from Scallop Shell Press

Henry I and his Abbey

by Lindsay Mullaney

We know that King Henry founded his great monastery at Reading 900 years ago. But who was Henry and why was his 35 year reign regarded as a golden age by contemporary chroniclers, such as William of Malmesbury, Orderic Vitalis and Henry of Huntingdon?

Local researcher and lecturer Lindsay Mullaney has spent many years seeking the answers to these questions. Her new book, launched as part of the 900th anniversary celebrations in 2021, makes fascinating reading. It is based on the accounts of the chroniclers, and is aimed the general reader, as well as historians. It is written in narrative form, with frequent quotations from contemporary accounts.

The book is richly illustrated throughout its nearly 250 pages with around 100 colour pictures, plus maps and family trees.

It would make an ideal Christmas gift for present or past residents of Reading, wanting to find out more about the town's most distinguished patron, King Henry I, who was buried in front of the high altar of his Abbey in 1136.

The book is at present available at a special introductory price of £18, when ordered direct from the author. It will later be available from bookshops but at the full price of £25.

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