



ARTS SOCIETY Summer 2015 Programme

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What on Earth is it? **An evening with the Hereford *Mappa Mundi***

Hereford Cathedral's *Mappa Mundi* is the largest and most elaborate world map surviving from before the fifteenth century. With over 1,000 inscriptions and just as many painted scenes, it is a Bible, bestiary, history of the world and collection of travellers' tales all rolled into one. You will find depictions of the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark and the Crucifixion, together with Jason's Golden Fleece. There are also representations of strange creatures and 'monstrous races' including dog-headed people, satyrs and troglodytes. Not surprisingly, the map has been picked over by scholars but many questions remain. Who made it and why?

Nick Baker will present an introduction to this medieval masterpiece and attempt to unlock some of its secrets. There will also be an opportunity to inspect the Folio Society's (near life-size) reproduction of the map.

Thursday 4 June 2015 at 7.30pm
Sixth Form Lecture Theatre
followed by wine and light refreshments in The Atrium

Tickets may also be purchased at the door; but advance notice helps catering, please. Princethorpe and Crackley Hall pupils free of charge. We are happy to receive provisional bookings by e-mail, please, to alexdarkes@princethorpe.co.uk

Please supply the following tickets:

What on Earth is it? 4 June 2015

_____ Adult (£5) _____ Child (free)

I enclose £ _____ Cheques payable to **Princethorpe College**

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