

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE**

**125TH ANNIVERSARY**



# **Come celebrate** **England's 'birth day'**

**As part of the society's 125th Anniversary celebrations we recognise an anniversary of greater significance.**

**We have organised a day to remember the unification of our **English** nation on 12th July 927AD. This was the day when our country was first united under one king.**

**King Athelstan, the first King of **England**.**

**Our day of celebration will culminate with a service for King Athelstan in Malmesbury Abbey, near his tomb.**

**England is the oldest nation in Europe.**

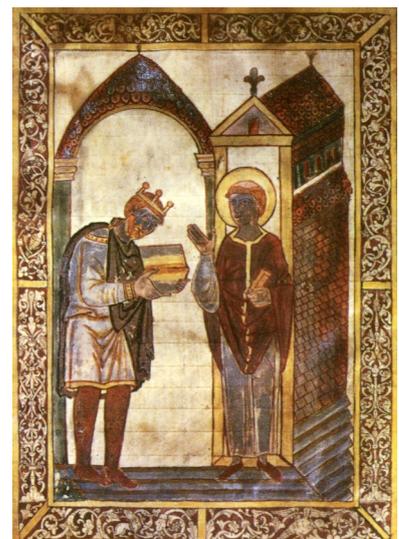
**We believe England's birth day is worth celebrating**

On 12th July 927 at Eamont Bridge in Cumbria, the then King of Anglo-Saxons, Athelstan took control of the Viking-ruled lands governed from York. From this day we see the creation of a unified England, whose borders closely resemble those of the current day.

From that point on King Athelstan surpassed the achievements of even his grandfather - Alfred the Great. Alfred had styled himself as King of the Anglo-Saxons, but by his death in 937 Athelstan was known as Rex Angolorum, the first ever King of the ENGLISH.

Alfred the Great's dream of a unified homeland for the English people became real under his grandson.

ENGLAND was united under one ruler, King Athelstan.



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# **England's Birthday Celebration Malmesbury**

**Saturday 13th July 2019**

## **Programme of Events**

**10:30am - Meet at Moravian Church (SN16 9AX) for tea, coffee and toilets**

**11:00am - Talk on Life of King Athelstan, by Prof. Sarah Foot (Oxford University)**

**12:30pm - 2-course lunch @ Old Bell Hotel in Malmesbury (Garden Room with views)**

**2:30pm - Memorial Service at the tomb of King Athelstan in Malmesbury Abbey**

**Tickets: £40**

**Contact the office by email: [info@royalsocietyofstgeorge.com](mailto:info@royalsocietyofstgeorge.com)  
or by telephone on 020 3225 5011**

Once you have paid we will send you the lunch menu, as you must choose by 30/06/19.

Malmesbury is quite compact and all venues are within 5 minutes walk of each other. There should be little problem in getting from the talk to lunch and then to the abbey.

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