

**THE BSTS AUTUMN LECTURE
- WHAT MEDIAEVAL SHROUDS REALLY LOOK LIKE...**

Back in Newsletter no. 27 members were briefly informed of the little-known discovery on the site of a priory at St. Bee's, Cumbria, of the amazingly preserved body of a mediaeval man, thought to have been the knight Robert de Harrington, wrapped in two equally well preserved shrouds. Although the full results of the find have still not yet been released, the archaeologist in charge of the excavation, Deidre O'Sullivan of the School of Archaeological Studies at Leicester University, has kindly agreed to give an illustrated talk to the Society. This will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 20 October, the location, as in the case of Dr. Clift's much-praised April lecture, at St. John's Church Hall, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2.

Deirdre O'Sullivan's lecture promises to be a fascinating one for its astonishing photographs (a face from the thirteenth century, as well-preserved as if this were yesterday); the array of detective-work which her find has demanded (reminiscent of the Shroud, medical, historical and in this instance, dental), also, yet more pertinently for the fact that the knight was buried in two shrouds in an arrangement very different from the single, 'over the head' manner conveyed by our Shroud of Turin. The St. John's Hall is pleasant and commodious, and as many members as possible are encouraged to attend.