

Stop Press: Research Help Needed

One of the great benefits of the digital revolution is that excellent digital images of many medieval manuscripts, and in other cases the transcribed texts from them, are now accessible online from anywhere in the world, and with an ease that would have been unthinkable a couple of decades ago. France has been particularly good in this respect. The manuscript treasures of the Bibliothèque Nationale and many great municipal libraries across France can be accessed entirely free via the excellent Mandragore and Enluminures websites, whilst many difficult-to find early French books and articles, can be found on Gallica. This has been of enormous benefit to the de Charny researches that Hugh Duncan and I are working on, resulting in our teaching ourselves Middle French 'on the hoof' in the process. But there are literally dozens of Shrou-related documents in mediaeval Latin that await translation, and any member with a reasonable knowledge of Latin who is prepared to volunteer to tackle a text or two is warmly invited to get in touch with me at ian.wilson@hotkey.net.au.

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