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KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire

1431

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Amundesham's Annals of the Monastery of St. Albans BL: Harley 3775
ff 118v-119 (25 May 1431)

Et in die palmarum & die annunciationis beate marie / Incendium grande Incendium

& dampnosum in Manerio domine Iohanne Regine apud langley in domibus vtensilibus vasis argenteis et aureis in suppellectibus & per incuriam et sompnolentiam vnii histrionis & malam custodiam luminis candelo hec mala euererunt . . .

Textual note: "euenerunt": "er" at end looks as if written over an erase and the "r" not at all clear. Abbreviation mark has been added as if the word changed and had to be squeezed in before the following word ("pestilencia").

Notes: For date, see f. 116v: "Anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post Conquestum nono...." This record refers to King's Langley, where Edward III had built a royal palace, occupied at this time by the Queen Dowager, Joan of Navarre.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Amundesham's Annals of the Monastery of St. Albans

London, British Library, Harley 3775; 12th-13th century; Latin; parchment; modern pencil foliation; v + 178 + iv; 244mm x 185mm; cover of cloth and brown leather with Harley crest on front, title on spine: 'LIFE OF S. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY ETC. BRIT. MUS. HARLEY MS. 3775'.

Good condition but repaired. Contents various, including annals of the world and English kings from the time of Christ's birth, annals of St Albans Abbey, lives of St Thomas a Becket and Robert of Knaresborough, etc. The annals of St Albans begin at f. 100 and run to f. 130v, in several different hands.