

BLACKFRIARS: HISTORIC EVENTS

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1985: Blackfriars: the Cloisters.

MARKET

1230: Newgate Market.

ARRIVAL

1235: The first Dominicans in Newcastle.

RISE OF THE MERCHANT GILDS

1300: As wealth and power increase the Craft Gilds lose ground to the Merchants.

EDWARD OF ENGLAND

1334: Edward Balliol, pretender to the Scottish throne, does homage and gives away most of Southern Scotland to Edward III of England.

THE BALLAD OF JOHN DE DENTON

1345: The trial of Thomas Greathead, Richard Galloway and Gilbert Dolfanby for the 'false, seditious and malicious murder' of John de Denton, former Mayor of Newcastle.

THE ANCHORITE

1420: John Lacy, anchorite and 'recluse' is living in Blackfriars.

GILD STRUGGLE

1515: More Royal commissioners in Newcastle investigating the struggle between Craft and Merchant Gilds.

PRIOR RICHARD

1537: Prior Richard Marshall flees to Scotland, unwilling to accept the religious demands of Henry VIII. The letter he wrote justifying his action still survives.

AUCTION

1543: The Mayor and burgesses buy the now deserted Blackfriars buildings and lease them to the Gilds.

WEALTH AND POWER

1600-1850: The continued rise and eventual collapse of the Merchant and Craft Gilds.

DECAY

1900: Blackfriars in decline.

COMMITTEES

1950 Onwards: Despite appearances, a new age.

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The future: Look into the stone.