

## GALFRIDUS, KNIGHT OF GREAT FRANSHAM



The village sign was taken from a brass of Galfridus, Knight of Great Fransham, in the Chapel of Ease of All Saints in Station Road, Great Fransham.

This is a particularly fine brass in the north-west corner of the chancel. The figure is some 4'11" high and shows him in full armour under an elaborate canopy of an ogee gable, with two identical shields. Galfridus died in 1414AD, on the feast of St Jerome, translator of the scriptures into the Latin Vulgate, on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The shield bearing Galfridus' arms is divided by a vertical zig-zag, with three martlets (or swifts) in each half. The knight's feet rest upon a little lion.