

The Story of East Anglia II

Archaeological Highlights from the Last 1,500 Years

Following on from the previous lecture series, these sessions explore in more detail some of the important periods of history which have shaped the East Anglian landscape and the archaeological discoveries resulting from them.

- Thurs 28th April** **Raising the Dead: Anglo-Saxon Death and Burial**
Burials constitute a large part of the Anglo-Saxon archaeological record, and this session uses the rich East Anglian burial record to explore the range of burial rites practised by the Anglo-Saxons. Subjects to be covered include the human skeleton, cremation, inhumation, the use of grave-goods and the impact of Christianity.
- Thurs 5th May** **No Session!**
- Thurs 12th May** **'Bare Ruin'd choirs': Monastic Landscapes of East Anglia**
Monasteries were one of the most important and influential features of the medieval landscape. Using examples from East Anglia and further afield, this session examines the development of monastic landscapes throughout the Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods and the effects of the Dissolution.
- Thurs 19th May** **Field Visit to Bury St Edmunds Abbey (Free Entry)**
The site of the Abbey of St Edmund has been a significant place on the regional, national and international stage since the 10th century. During this visit we will walk the ruins of the abbey and explore why the site deserves its position as one of Suffolk's most important historic sites.
- Thurs 26th May** **'Protect and Survive': Cold War East Anglia**
For many of us the Cold War conjures up a secret world of spies, drop boxes, covert missions and political skulduggery. This session explores the archaeological traces of the Cold War which are still to be found in the East Anglian landscape, including airfields, atomic weapons testing plants, listening posts and fall-out shelters.
- Thurs 9th June** **'Wonderful Things': Howard Carter and Tutankhamun**
To mark the centenary of the moment when Howard Carter first looked into the tomb of Tutankhamun and uttered the famous words 'wonderful things', this session school tells the story of how Carter, the son of a Swaffham artist inspired to the Amhersts at Diddington Hall, forged a career in Egyptology and doggedly pursued the tomb of the boy-king, only to be rewarded with one the greatest archaeological discoveries ever made.

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Sources of Information

[The National Heritage List for England \(NHLE\)](https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/)

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The definitive list of designated heritage assets, maintained by Historic England. Includes listed buildings, scheduled monuments, protected wrecks, registered parks and gardens, and registered battlefields.

[The Suffolk Historic Environment Record \(HER\)](http://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/)

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The database of all of the known archaeological sites in Suffolk, comprising records of archaeological fieldwork, monuments and findspots. A version of the HER is available via the Suffolk Heritage Explorer website.

[The Norfolk Historic Environment Record \(HER\)](https://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/)

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[The Portable Antiquities Scheme](https://finds.org.uk/)

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A national database containing details of archaeological objects discovered by members of the public, primarily metal-detectorists, which have subsequently been reported to and recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

[The National Library of Scotland](https://maps.nls.uk/geo/find)

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The National Library of Scotland has scanned many of the Ordnance Survey maps in its collection and made them available online. You can search by area and map series and view high-resolution copies of historic Ordnance Survey maps for most of the UK.

[East Anglian Archaeology Monograph Series](https://eaareports.org.uk/)

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The EAA series has been running since the 1970s and publishes the results of archaeological fieldwork conducted across the eastern region.

[Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History](http://suffolk.institute.pdfsrv.co.uk/)

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An online archive of the Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History, which has been published annually since 1853.

[Norfolk Archaeology](https://doi.org/10.5284/1078322)

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An online archive of Norfolk Archaeology, which has been published annually by the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society since 1847.