

The Story of East Anglia II

Archaeological Highlights from the Last 1,500 Years

'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.

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This series of talks is aimed at improving our understanding of the Abbey of St Edmund. The speakers draw upon the vast body of research carried out since the Abbey was closed down (dissolved) in 1539. This research covers many different aspects, each of which can help us to understand the true splendour of the Abbey and how it worked within the medieval world.

- *The Abbey, the Antiquaries and the Archaeologists: Discovering the Abbey of St Edmund* by Dr Richard Hoggett:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q30GBgVyMWo>
- *The Relationship between the Abbey and the Town* by Dr Abby Antrobus:
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- *Patrons and Benefactors of St Edmund's Abbey, c.900-1086* by Professor Sarah Foot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qEWwc3ZUik>
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