

The Story of East Anglia II

Archaeological Highlights from the Last 1,500 Years

The Abbey of St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds

The site of the Abbey of St Edmund has been a significant place on the regional, national and international stage since the 10th century and its story is intimately bound up with those of the royal martyr Edmund and the wider town of Bury St Edmunds. 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.

St Edmund and the Abbey

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This series of talks is aimed at improving our understanding of the Abbey of St Edmund.

- *The Abbey, the Antiquaries and the Archaeologists: Discovering the Abbey of St Edmund* by Dr Richard Hoggett:
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- *The Relationship between the Abbey and the Town* by Dr Abby Antrobus:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Som8raHM_6k
- *Patrons and Benefactors of St Edmund's Abbey, c.900-1086* by Professor Sarah Foot:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qEW/wc3ZUik>
- *The Abbey of Bury St Edmunds and the History of Suffolk* by Professor Mark Bailey:
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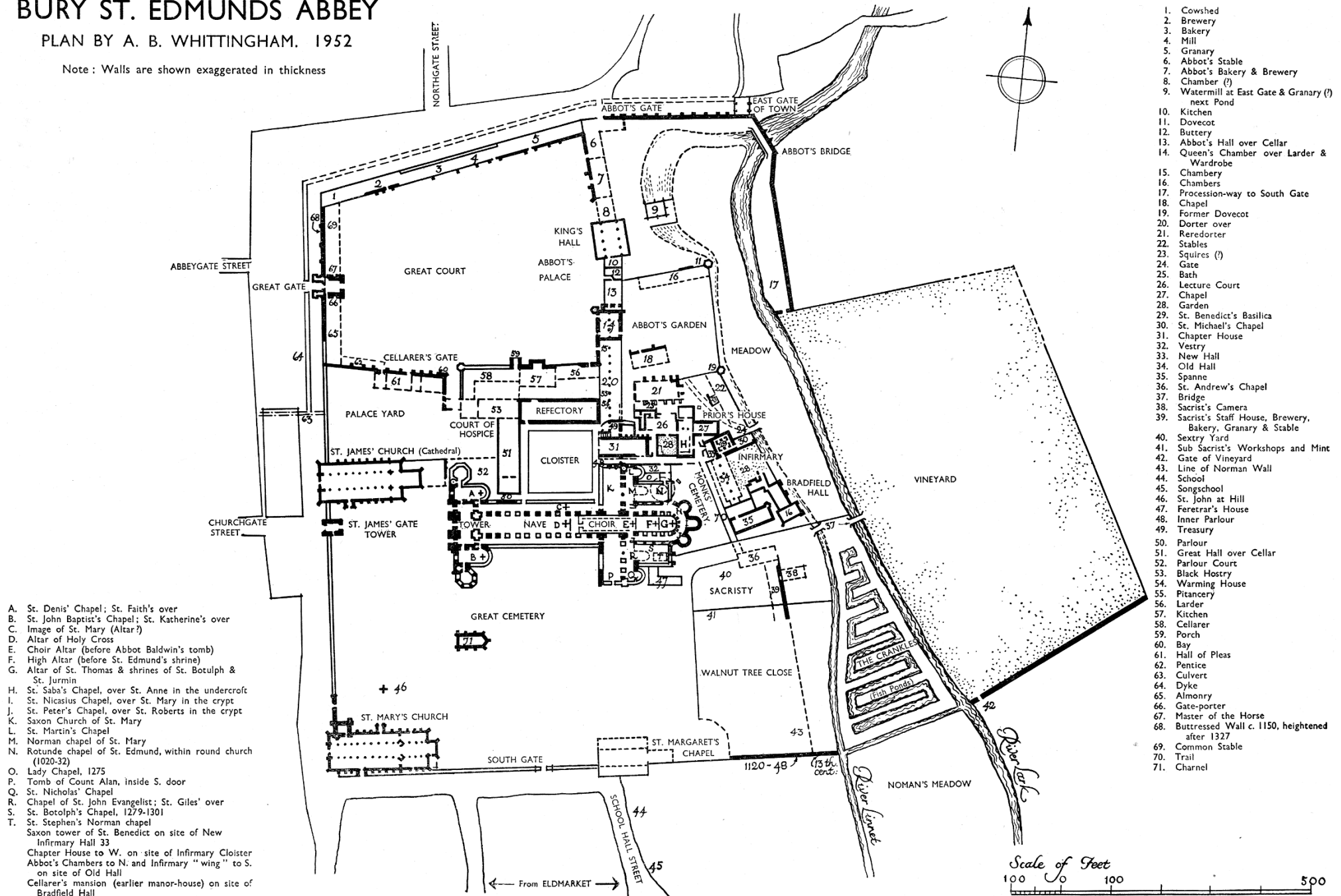
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BURY ST. EDMUNDS ABBEY

PLAN BY A. B. WHITTINGHAM, 1952

Note: Walls are shown exaggerated in thickness



- A. St. Denis' Chapel; St. Faith's over
- B. St. John Baptist's Chapel; St. Katherine's over
- C. Image of St. Mary (Altar?)
- D. Altar of Holy Cross
- E. Choir Altar (before Abbot Baldwin's tomb)
- F. High Altar (before St. Edmund's shrine)
- G. Altar of St. Thomas & shrines of St. Botolph & St. Jurmin
- H. St. Saba's Chapel, over St. Anne in the undercroft
- I. St. Nicasius Chapel, over St. Mary in the crypt
- J. St. Peter's Chapel, over St. Roberts in the crypt
- K. Saxon Church of St. Mary
- L. St. Martin's Chapel
- M. Norman chapel of St. Mary
- N. Rotunde chapel of St. Edmund, within round church (1020-32)
- O. Lady Chapel, 1275
- P. Tomb of Count Alan, inside S. door
- Q. St. Nicholas' Chapel
- R. Chapel of St. John Evangelist; St. Giles' over
- S. St. Botolph's Chapel, 1279-1301
- T. St. Stephen's Norman chapel
- Saxon tower of St. Benedict on site of New Infirmary Hall 33
- Chapter House to W. on site of Infirmary Cloister
- Abbot's Chambers to N. and Infirmary "wing" to S. on site of Old Hall
- Cellarer's mansion (earlier manor-house) on site of Bradfield Hall

1. Cowshed
2. Brewery
3. Bakery
4. Mill
5. Granary
6. Abbot's Stable
7. Abbot's Bakery & Brewery
8. Chamber (?)
9. Watermill at East Gate & Granary (?) next Pond
10. Kitchen
11. Dovecot
12. Buttery
13. Abbot's Hall over Cellar
14. Queen's Chamber over Larder & Wardrobe
15. Chambery
16. Chambers
17. Procession-way to South Gate
18. Chapel
19. Former Dovecot
20. Dorter over
21. Reredorter
22. Stables
23. Squires (?)
24. Gate
25. Bath
26. Lecture Court
27. Chapel
28. Garden
29. St. Benedict's Basilica
30. St. Michael's Chapel
31. Chapter House
32. Vestry
33. New Hall
34. Old Hall
35. Spanne
36. St. Andrew's Chapel
37. Bridge
38. Sacrist's Camera
39. Sacrist's Staff House, Brewery, Bakery, Granary & Stable
40. Sextry Yard
41. Sub Sacrist's Workshops and Mint
42. Gate of Vineyard
43. Line of Norman Wall
44. School
45. Songschool
46. St. John at Hill
47. Feretrar's House
48. Inner Parlour
49. Treasury
50. Parlour
51. Great Hall over Cellar
52. Parlour Court
53. Black Hostry
54. Warming House
55. Pitancery
56. Larder
57. Kitchen
58. Cellarer
59. Porch
60. Bay
61. Hall of Pleas
62. Pentice
63. Culvert
64. Dyke
65. Almonry
66. Gate-porter
67. Master of the Horse
68. Buttressed Wall c. 1150, heightened after 1327
69. Common Stable
70. Trail
71. Charnel

