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The Editor writes

I apologise for the absence of a Winter 2019/20 edition of *Oriente Lumen*, but trust that some of the past and future exciting events chronicled and highlighted in this edition will make up for the delay...

TAKING STOCK

CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ENGLAND & WALES

The East Anglian section of the 'Taking Stock' project is due to be completed in the first half of 2020. 'Taking Stock' is a survey of the built heritage of each diocese commissioned by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in 2005, resulting in reports and collections of photographic images on every church in the country. 'Taking Stock' is intended to be an aid to the dioceses, to parishes, to the statutory authorities, and to the general public when questions arise involving proposed changes to, or possible closure of, churches. It provides a framework within which decision-making can take place, so that historical and architectural considerations can be balanced alongside pastoral and financial considerations. The Diocese of East Anglia is the last of the 22 dioceses of England and Wales to be surveyed, and the results should be available to view soon at <https://taking-stock.org.uk/diocese/east-anglia/>.

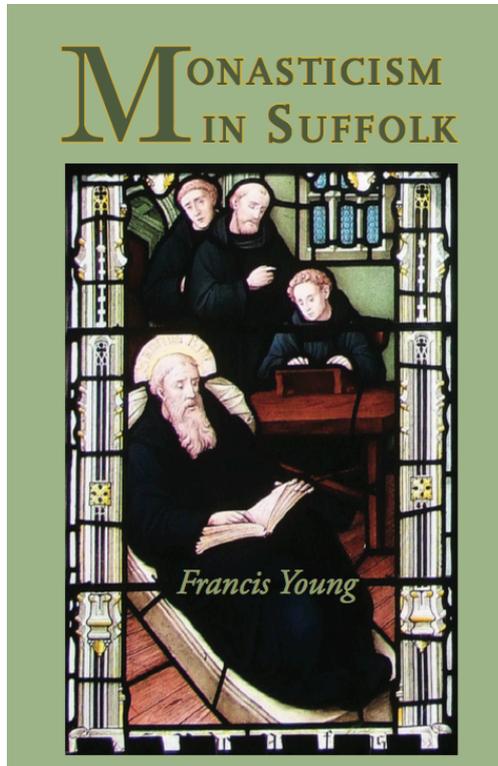


DIOCESAN ARCHIVES WEBSITE TAKES SHAPE

In an exciting development for anyone interested in the history of the Diocese of East Anglia, the diocesan archivists Michael and Gill Hill have begun transferring the archive catalogue onto the online archive record system AtoM. While the transfer is still in its early stages, it is now possible to browse by people, places and other categories. This is a crucial development because it will allow researchers to have some idea of the diocese's archival holding before visiting the archive itself. While most of what the archives holds cannot be publicly accessible since it is less than 110 years old (the diocese was only established in 1976), there is also some older material in the archives and the new system will allow this to be highlighted. Permission can sometimes also be sought and obtained on an individual basis to consult more recent material as well. These are exciting times for a diocesan archive that has long been in the shadows, to the extent that many people did not even have a vague idea of what it might contain...

The growing online archive catalogue can be visited at <http://104.41.220.117/index.php/>.

A MONASTIC LAUNCH FOR *MONASTICISM IN SUFFOLK*

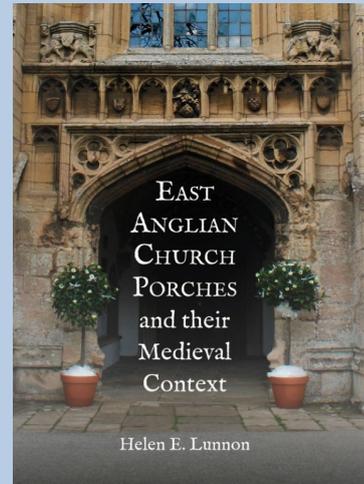


Francis Young's new book *Monasticism in Suffolk*, which is a complete history of all religious communities in Suffolk from 627 to the present day, will be launched in an event hosted by St Edmund's Catholic Church in Bungay on the evening of Friday 6 March. The launch begins at 6pm and anyone interested in attending this free event should RSVP to the publisher, Lasse Press, at lassepress@gmail.com. St Edmund's is, along with St Bene't's in Bungay, Suffolk's only Benedictine parish church, and lies in the shadow of a medieval house of Benedictine nuns. The book celebrates the millennium of the foundation of the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds in 1020 but is equally focussed on Suffolk's smaller religious houses, and has a foreword kindly provided by Fr Robert Marsh OSA, Provincial of the Augustinian Friars in England and Scotland, who is based at Clare Priory.



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New and Forthcoming Books of Interest



Helen E. Lunnon, *East Anglian Church Porches and their Medieval Context* (Boydell & Brewer, 2020). An interdisciplinary study of the functions and significance of church porches in East Anglian church architecture.

MILLENNIUM LECTURE IN BURY ST EDMUNDS



This year Bury St Edmunds celebrates the millennium of the founding of East Anglia's greatest Benedictine abbey, and the Catholic Church of St Edmund, King and Martyr will be hosting a talk on the abbey by Dr Richard Hoggett (who wrote a recent heritage report on the abbey) on 18 June. Tickets cost £7 and anyone interested should contact John Saunders on 01284 767894 or jes767894@btinternet.com. John Saunders will also be leading a number of walking tours of Bury St Edmunds during the year.