

# OBEDIENTIARIES OF ST EDMUND'S ABBEY

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FOUNDED BY CNUT in 1021, the great Benedictine house at Bury St Edmunds by the end of the 12th century possessed extensive estates, a large cloistral population, and was responsible for the exercise of royal government in most of western Suffolk. A necessary consequence of these developments was a highly ramified administration, at its most complex by the mid-13th century. One key to the abbey's administrative history is provided by its archival *Nachlass* of 178 charters, 39 cartularies and registers, and just over 1,100 manorial rolls. A descriptive catalogue of this material was recently published by the Suffolk Records Society, and it was while preparing this work that the present writer began to compile an index of the abbey's officials.<sup>1</sup>

Such a list has at least three uses. First of all, the dated careers of ecclesiastical officials form a basic chronological framework into which further, otherwise undateable, information can be fitted. In this respect it is a particularly valuable aid for the history of the abbey itself and of its internal life. An example that comes readily to mind is the architectural development of the enormous conventual church, in which the sacrists played an important role from the late 11th until the 15th century.<sup>2</sup> Secondly, the list reveals some of the career-patterns of prominent monks, particularly of those who became abbots of their house.<sup>3</sup> Abbot Samson's gradual upward progress from novice-master to abbot is well-known from the pages of Jocelin's biography,<sup>4</sup> but the fact that the great William Curteys was earlier cellarer and prior has had to be gleaned from the unprinted records.<sup>5</sup> Thirdly, the broadest developments of the abbey's economic and administrative history are reflected in the changing details of its managerial structure. Between c. 1250 – 1350, when the house was both very wealthy and under considerable financial pressure,<sup>6</sup> we find the greatest subdivision of offices, including for instance four priors, and also the phenomenon of two men sharing a single office, such as the cellary.<sup>7</sup> By contrast, at the end of the 15th century, when Bury's monastic population had shrunk, and when it had leased out many of its estates for long terms, we find the reverse, with single individuals now holding in their hands two or more offices as considerable as those of prior, cellarer or chamberlain.

A cross-section of the abbey's bureaucracy at its point of greatest expansion is provided by the *Consuetudines Burienses*,<sup>8</sup> drawn up between 1234 and 1256. They describe the duties of nearly thirty officials, including the four priors, and deputies for the sacrist, cellarer, chamberlain and precentor (earlier on we also find a sub-refectorer).<sup>9</sup> The office of guest-master is split into three: the abbot's, interior (for the reception of monks), and exterior (responsible for laity). So also with the functions which in other houses were assigned to the chamberlain, here divided between the chamberlain, treasurer and 'vestiarius'. Even this list is incomplete, for it omits, *inter alia*, the chaplains who attended the abbot, prior and the Hospital of St Saviour. Out of a monastic population of around eighty, it appears that about half must have occupied obedientiary positions at any one time during the period c. 1250 – 1350, though many of these would have been quite minor.

The following list, incomplete though it is, includes some 300 individuals who held obedientiary offices in the abbey from before the Conquest until the Dissolution. The positions are listed in descending order of importance, so far as that can be ascertained. It will be noticed that the prior is followed by the sacrist, more important at Bury than the cellarer, in spite of the Benedictine Rule and the practice of other, comparable houses.<sup>10</sup> Within each office the order is, naturally, chronological. The three types of guest-master are not distinguished in the records, except in one instance, and so are included under a single title. Little less haziness prevails with regard to the office of the chamberlain, and so officials called 'camerarius', 'thesaurarius' and 'vestiarius' are all listed under the title of 'chamberlain', although each individual is given the title

found in the sources, when it is other than 'camerarius'. A few very minor positions are grouped together at the end under the title of 'miscellaneous', with individuals in alphabetical sequence.

The sources upon which the list is based vary with the period and office. For the 12th and early 13th centuries there is the corpus of charters edited by Douglas (1932) and Davis (1954). Some of the datings proposed in the former work have since been modified.<sup>11</sup> I accept these corrected dates without comment here, unless further modification is proposed. Between about 1180 and 1215 the charters are supplemented by two important narrative sources, Jocelin of Brakelond's *Chronicle*, which finishes in 1202, and the *Electio Hugonis*, for the years 1213 – 1215. The latter includes a complete list of the Bury monks and their official positions.<sup>12</sup> The rest of the 13th century is covered by the *Bury Chronicle*, which gives a precisely-dated sequence of priors. Late in the same century was written the little chronicle known as the *Gesta Sacristarum*, which gives the sequence of the sacrists, without dates and not always in the correct order, from the Conquest to 1298.<sup>13</sup> For the next two centuries we are dependent upon stray references in documents found in the cartularies, especially the great two-volume cellarer's cartulary made in the 1420s.<sup>14</sup> The mid-14th-century *Cronica Buriensis* and the records associated with the revolts of 1327 and 1381 and their legal aftermaths provide some groups of names at particular dates,<sup>15</sup> but the only source which gives a dateable sequence of officials is the Will Books, for which Bury is famous, and which list the sacrists from 1354 until the Dissolution.<sup>16</sup>

From these sources can be extracted reasonably, though not totally, complete lists of the priors, sacrists, cellarers and chamberlains of the abbey, but below the level of these most important offices the information is very fragmentary. Is there any reason to hope for improvement? Leaving to one side inevitable oversights and omissions, there remain two sources not mined by the writer. One of these is the texts of the Bury wills. To read them all would be a very onerous task, but the selection printed by Tymms shows that they would yield the names and dates of a few more office-holders. The other source is the thousand-odd manorial rolls. Those in the British Library, which I have examined personally, sometimes bear the name of the obedientiary to whose department the particular manor belonged. A search through the other, widely-scattered rolls, again a very large task, scarcely worth undertaking for this purpose alone, would certainly result in some new names, although its main contribution would be to provide more accurate dating for officials already known.

The following system has been used to express the dates of these officials. 'Date × date' means that the person is named in a document dateable within these limits. 'Date – date' means that the official was in office for precisely this period. 'Date/single numeral' represents a regnal year given by the source. To facilitate cross-referencing I have listed under each entry all other offices held by the person concerned. The following abbreviations have also been employed: occ.: occurs; bef.: before; prev.: previously.

#### PRIOR

*Brihtric*: occ. 1044 × 1065 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f.1).

*Eadric*: occ. 1065 × 1087 (Arnold 1890–96, 1, 69).

*Benedict Saxo*: from some years after 1066 until his death in 1094 (Arnold 1890–96, 1, 351).

*William*: occ. 1095; died in this or the next year (Arnold 1890–96, 1, 170).

*Aelfer*: occ. 1102 × 1105 (Douglas 1932, no. 20), 1102 × 1107 (Douglas 1932, no. 171); still in office after 1108, when his successor was promoted by Ralph as bishop of Rochester.

*Baldwin*: consecrated by Ralph as bishop of Rochester (1108–1114); 'vetus prior' in Douglas 1932, no. 111, dated c. 1125 (Thomson 1971, 214–7). Prev. subprior.

*Talbot*: c. 1125–c. 1136, although still alive after leaving office (Thomson 1971, 214–7, Thomson 1975, 54 and n. 14).

*Ording of Stow*: bef. 1138 (Stubbs 1876, 1, 250). According to the same authority he was made abbot in that year, but was demoted soon after, when Anselm again became abbot of Bury after his disputed election

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- to the see of London (Knowles, Brooke and London 1972, 32). Prev. cellarer.
- William*: occ. 1138 (B. L. Cott. Ch. xxi, 6, which is witnessed by Ording as abbot, but refers to the former prior Talbot as still alive; it must therefore belong to Ording's brief first period as abbot in 1138).
- Sihtric*: occ. 1148 × 1153 (Douglas 1932, no. 135), 1156 × 1160 (Douglas 1932, nos. 144–145).
- Theobald*: occ. 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 145), 1161 (*Pipe Roll Soc.*, new ser., 36 (1960), 70, no. 2).
- Hugh*: deposed in 1173 (Butler 1949, 1). Prev. probably subprior.
- Robert*: 1173–1200 (Butler 1949, 1, 124–5).
- Herbert*: 1200–10 Sept. 1220 (Butler 1949, 126; Gransden 1964, 4). Prev. chaplain and subsacrist.
- Richard of Ely (de l'Isle; de Ely or de Insula)*: 1220–1222 (Gransden 1964, 4, 5). Prev. precentor, sacrist and chaplain. Later abbot of Burton and of Bury.
- Henry of Rushbrook*: 31 May 1222–27 Sept. 1233 (Gransden 1964, 5, 8). Prev. cellarer. Later abbot.
- Gregory of St Albans*: 1234–23 Apr. 1242 (Gransden 1964, 8, 12). Prev. succentor, precentor and sacrist.
- Daniel*: soon after 23 Apr. 1242–bef. 4 Jun. 1244 (Gransden 1964, 12). Prev. chaplain.
- Richard du Bois (de Bosco)*: 4 Jun. 1244–23 Oct. 1252 (Gransden 1964, 12, 18). Prev. almoner.
- Simon Luton*: soon after 23 Oct. 1252–14 Jan. 1257 (Gransden 1964, 18, 21). Prev. sacrist, later abbot.
- Robert Russel*: Apr. 1258–25 Jan. 1280 (resigned; Gransden 1964, 23, 71).
- Stephen Ixworth*: soon after 25 Jan. 1280 – 6 Jul. 1287 (Gransden 1964, 71, 89). Prev. subprior.
- William Rockland*: 26 Jul. 1287–1312 (Gransden 1964, 89; Arnold 1890–96, III, 36, 38). Prev. chamberlain and cellarer.
- Richard Denham*: occ. 1318 (C.U.L. Mm. 4, 19, f. 238v).
- Peter of Clopton*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89) and 1327 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 38). Prev. chamberlain.
- Geoffrey Hemlington*: occ. 1328 (C.U.L. Mm. 4, 19, f. 17) and 1331 (C.U.L. Gg. 4, 4, f. 117). Prev. guest-master.
- William of Stow*: occ. 1333/4 (Dugdale, III, 119), 1341 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 29). Prev., and apparently simultaneously, sacrist; also chaplain.
- Edmund Brundish*: occ. 13 Nov. 1346 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 99); died 1361 (Bodl. Lat. hist. d. 4, f. 172). Prev. chamberlain.
- Henry Kirkstead*: occ. 1362/3 (C.U.L. Gg. 4, 4, f. 340). Out of office by 1374/5 (see below), but still alive after 1379 (Rouse 1966, 480–93, though there he is wrongly called subprior). Prev. chaplain, novice-master and armarius.
- John of Cambridge*: occ. 1374/5 (B.L. Add. 36910, ff. 10–10v). Killed 1381 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 126–7). Prev. cellarer.
- John Gosford*: elected 1382 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 109); occ. 1405 (C.U.L. Gg. 4, 4, f. 195). Prev. almoner.
- Robert Icklingham*: occ. 18 Feb. 1406 (B.L. Cott. Tib. B. ix, f. 35), and after 1425 (C.U.L. Gg. 4, 4, f. 124). Prev., and for about a year simultaneously, sacrist.
- William Curteys*: occ. 1426 (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 155v). Prob. until 1429, when he became abbot. Prev. cellarer.
- John Boone*: occ. 17 Oct. 1437 (B.L. Harl. 645, f. 8v). Abbot from 1453.
- Richard Ringstead*: occ. as prior and cellarer 1461 × 1464 (Bodl. Suff. Roll 1).
- Robert Ixworth*: prior and sacrist from late 1468 until after 20 Sept. 1469 (Redstone 1906, book 1a, ff. 120–126). Abbot from 1469.
- Richard of Ingham*: occ. 1474/5 (P.R.O. E. 315–38/105). Abbot from 1475.
- Thomas*: occ. 1492 (Tymms 1850, 81).
- Robert Mildenhall*: occ. 1504 (Tymms 1850, 105), and as prior and chamberlain 1506/7 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen. 7/1693).
- John Brentford*: occ. as prior and cellarer 1514 (S.R.O. B. Acc. 1585 (N.S.R.)/1).
- Thomas Ringstead*: occ. as prior and cellarer 1517 × 1522 and 1533 × 1535 (S.R.O. B. Acc. 1585 (N.S.R.)/1), and as prior and chamberlain, 1530/1 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen. 8/3395).

SUBPRIOR

- Sparhavoch(?)*: occ. 1095, dying in this or the following year (Arnold 1890–96, I, 170).
- Baldwin*: bef. 1114, by which date he was prior.
- Eudo*: occ. 1125 × 1138 (Douglas 1932, no. 116).
- Hugh*: occ. 1148 × 1156 (Douglas 1932, no. 142), 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 145). Later prior?
- Samson*: occ. as subprior and precentor 1173 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 152; also witnessed by Prior Robert, who came into office in 1173). Apparently vacated the first position while continuing as precentor.
- Benedict*: prob. from 1181; until 1186 (Davis 1954, no. 126; Butler 1949, 125). Prev. and later(?) cellarer.

- M. Hermer*: 1186 — after 1200 (Butler 1949, 125).  
*Albinus*: occ. 1213–1215 (Thomson 1974, 184); apparently succeeded by 1220.  
*Adam*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (B.L. Add. 40063, f. 328v). Prev. infirmarer, chaplain, guardian of cellary manors.  
*Alan*: occ. 1220 × 1222 (C.U.L. Add. 6006, f. 51), 1222 × 1229 (B.L. Lansd. 416, f. 80).  
*Robert*: after 1234 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 35). Prev. perhaps third prior, chamberlain and precentor.  
*Richard*: occ. Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 254).  
*Stephen Ixworth*: bef. early 1280, by which time he was prior.  
*Thomas Tottington*: bef. his election as abbot in 1302, and prob. from 1280 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 37). Also cellarer's 'socius'.

## THIRD PRIOR

- Samson*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Butler 1949, 7). Also novice-master, third prior, sub-sacrist, guest-master, pittancer and, from 1182, abbot.  
*Hugh*: occ. 1182 (Butler 1949, 16, 21), 1186 × 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 25).  
*John*: occ. 1200 (Butler 1949, 126).  
*M. Thomas of Beccles*: occ. 1213–1215; succeeded by 1220 (Thomson 1974, 188).  
*Robert*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 48). Perhaps prev. precentor and chamberlain, later subprior.  
*Roger*: occ. 1220 × 1222 (C.U.L. Add. 6006, f. 51).  
*Hugh*: occ. Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 253).  
*Richard Draughton*: bef. his election as abbot in 1312 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 38).

## FOURTH PRIOR

- Matthew*: occ. Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 253).

## SACRIST

- Thurstan*: during the abbacy of Baldwin (1065–1097/8), but out of office by 1095 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 289).  
*Tolinus*: occ. 1095, dying the following year (Arnold 1890–96, I, 170).  
*Geoffrey (Godfrey)*: during the abbacy of Robert (1102–1107) (Arnold 1890–96, II, 289).  
*Hervey*: from after 1121 until c. 1136 (Thomson 1971, 218–223, Thomson 1975, 54).  
*Ralph*: c. 1136 until bef. 1148 (Thomson 1975, 54; Arnold 1890–96, II, 289).  
*Elias*: occ. 1148 × 1153 (Douglas 1932, no. 136), 1150 × 1154 (Thomson 1977, 816, no. 24).  
*Frodo*: occ. 1156 × 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 144).  
*William Schuch*: occ. 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 146; Arnold 1890–96, II, 291).  
*William Wiardel*: bef. 1176 (Butler 1949, 3–4); deposed between 24 Mar. and 5 Apr. 1182 (Butler 1949, 30).  
*Samson*: from shortly bef. 5 Apr. 1182 (Butler 1949, 31) until bef. 1188 (see below). Prev. precentor.  
*Hugh*: occ. 1186 × 1188 (Davis 1954, no. 56); died in 1200 or soon after (Butler 1949, 127). During some of this time also chamberlain.  
*Walter of Banham*: occ. 1200 × 1211 (Davis 1954, nos. 150 etc.), and 1206 × 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 26). Prev. physician and almoner.  
*William of Diss*: 29 Dec. – 1 Jan. only, in a year between 1206 and 1211 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 293). Prev. chaplain.  
*Robert of Graveley*: bef. 1211 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 293) – 1217 (Thomson 1974, 185). Prev. perhaps sub-sacrist, afterwards abbot of Thorney.  
*Richard of Ely (de L'isle; de Ely or de Insula)*: 1217–1220 (Thomson 1974, 185). Prev. chaplain and precentor. Later prior, then abbot of Burton and Bury.  
*Richard of Newport*: 1220 – bef. 1234 (Thomson 1974, 185 and n. 13). Prev. subsacrist.  
*Gregory of St Albans*: for a short period ending in 1234 (Thomson 1974, 184 and 185 n. 13). Prev. succentor and precentor, later prior.  
*Nicholas of Warwick*: occ. 1242 × 1244 (B.L. Add. 34689 ff. 19–19v). Perhaps prev. chaplain (Thomson 1974, 187 n. 3; Arnold 1890–96, II, 294).  
*Simon Luton*: occ. 1251 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 155), until shortly after 23 Oct. 1252, when he became prior (Arnold 1890–96, II, 294). Later abbot.

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- Richard of Horringer*: resigned bef. 1259 (Arnold 1890-96, II, 294; Gransden 1964, 24).
- Richard of Colchester*: occ. 1259 (Arnold 1890-96, II, 295; Gransden 1964, 24).
- Simon Kingston*: occ. 1263 (C.U.L. Mm. 4. 19, f. 36). Resigned 1280 (Gransden 1964, 71). Prev. subcellarer and chamberlain. Later infirmarer.
- William of Hoo*: 1280 - after 1294 (Gransden 1964, 71; Arnold 1890-96, II, 296, where he is called 'of Luton'). Prev. chamberlain.
- John Snailwell*: occ. 1295 (S.R.O.B. A. 4/1), 1299 (S.R.O.B. A. 6/1/1). Jointly with the following?
- Richard de Brunne*: occ. 1296/7 (C.U.L. Ec. 3. 60, f. 218), 17 May 1298 (B.L. Harl. 3977, f. 76v). Jointly with Snailwell? Also subcellarer.
- Reginald of Denham*: occ. October 1312 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 194).
- Ralph Castone*: occ. May 1327 (Arnold 1890-96, II, 336).
- William of Stow*: occ. 1318, also holding the office of Warden of the Mint (Dugdale, III, 101 n.), 1327 (Arnold 1890-96, III, 39), 1337 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 173). Also prior from at least 1333/4, and chaplain.
- Hugh of Saxham*: occ. 1334/5 (B.L. Add. roll 63514).
- Nicholas Wortham*: bef. 10 Jun. 1354 - after 24 Dec. 1357 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 1-6a). Prev. chaplain.
- Simon Langham*: 13 Feb. 1358 - after 24 Dec. 1361 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 6a-18). Also archdeacon and dean.
- John Lavenham*: bef. 9 Aug. 1361 - after 10 Jul. 1383 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 19-48). Prev. guest-master.
- Thomas Rudham*: bef. 26 Aug. 1384 - after 6 Aug. 1390 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 48-58).
- Robert Icklingham*: bef. 20 Jan. 1390 - after 15 Apr. 1407 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 59-118). Later prior.
- William Barrow (Barwe)*: bef. 29 Sept. 1407 - bef. 3 Jul. 1426 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 119-177). Bachelor of Divinity (Dugdale, III, 112). Prev. cellarer.
- John Cranewys*: 3 Jul. 1426 - after 14 May 1441 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 178-241). Also archdeacon in 1434 (B.L. Add. 14848, ff. 217-225v). Prev. chamberlain.
- Thomas Derham*: bef. 2 Jun. 1441 - after 20 Jun. 1467 (Redstone 1906, book I, ff. 252-266, Ia, ff. 1-108). Prev. and simultaneously cellarer.
- John Woolpit*: bef. 1 Jun. 1467 - after 9 Jan. 1469 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 108-119).
- Robert Isworth*: bef. 8 Feb. 1469 - after 20 Sept. 1469 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 120-126). Also prior, and abbot from 1469.
- Thomas Rattlesden*: bef. 4 Oct. 1469 - after 2 Sept. 1470 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 126-133). Abbot from 1479.
- John Kirtling*: bef. 30 Oct. 1470 - after 16 Mar. 1472 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 133-157).
- John Swaffham*: bef. 20 Mar. 1472 - after 10 Feb. 1489 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 164-200). Occ. 1491 (S.R.O.B. 449/2/625).
- John Hawstead*: bef. 21 Mar. 1491 - after 18 Oct. 1497 (Redstone 1906, book Ia, ff. 200a-201, book VI, ff. 1-56). Doctor of Theology.
- Christopher Okham*: 29 Sept. 1497 - after 10 May 1503 (Redstone 1906, book VI, ff. 57-124).
- William Dersham*: bef. 20 Apr. 1503 - after 10 Nov. 1504 (Redstone 1906, book VI, ff. 125-161). Doctor of Theology. Prev. cellarer.
- Richard Fouldon*: bef. 4 Mar. 1505 - after 19 Sept. 1510 (Redstone 1906, book VI, ff. 162-213).
- John Eye*: bef. 4 Oct. 1510 - after 26 Sept. 1520 (Redstone 1906, book VII, f. 1 - book VIII, f. 78). Bachelor of Canon Law. Prev. cellarer.
- Thomas Knettishall (Gnatesale)*: bef. 7 Dec. 1520 - after 27 Mar. 1528 (Redstone 1906, book VIII, ff. 78-156). Bachelor of Canon Law. Later cellarer.
- Edward (or Edmund) Rougham*: bef. 4 Jul. 1529 - after 12 Dec. 1530 (Redstone 1906, book VIII, ff. 157-164). Occ. 1536/7 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.8/3398), 1537/8 (S.R.O.B. A. 6/1/7), 1539 (Redstone 1909, 318).
- Hugh de Bois (de Bosco)*: undateable; named in B.L. Add. 14850, f. 7v, written soon after 1436.

SUBSACRIST

- Ralph*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Arnold 1890-96, II, 291). Prev. almoner.
- Samson*: from bef. 14 Nov. 1180 - 21 Mar. 1182 (Butler 1949, 7-24). Prev. novice-master, guest-master, pittancer and third prior. Later abbot.
- Herbert*: for one month in 1200 (Butler 1949, 125). Prev. chaplain; later prior.
- Robert (of Graveley?)*: occ. 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 65). If this was Robert of Graveley, then he was to be sacrist, then abbot of Thorney.
- Walter Gale*: bef. 8 Feb. 1214 - between 31 May and 13 Jun. (Thomson 1974, 186, where the dates need slight correction). Later infirmarer.
- Richard Newport*: between 31 May and 13 Jun. 1214 - 1220 (Thomson 1974, 185). Later sacrist.
- Ralph de Peinteneye*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890-96, III, 89).

## CELLARER

- Ordric*: during Edward the Confessor's reign (1046–1065; Robertson 1939, no. cxix).
- Ording of Stow*: occ. 1098 × 1102 or 1107 × 1114, prob. the latter (Douglas 1932, no. 106), 1121 × 1136 (Douglas 1932, no. 115). Later prior and abbot.
- William*: occ. c. 1138 × 1148 (Douglas 1932, no. 129).
- Godric*: occ. 1148 × 1153 (Douglas 1932, no. 136).
- John*: occ. 1148 × 1156 (Douglas 1932, no. 142), as chamberlain as well.
- Albinus*: occ. 1148 × 1156 (Douglas 1932, no. 142), 1156 × 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 144), 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 145). Also chaplain?
- Roger*: occ. 1156 × 1180, but presumably after 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 156).
- Gilbert of Elveden*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Butler 1949, 102). Prev. chamberlain and chaplain?
- Denis*: occ. bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (C.U.L. Ee. 3. 60, f. 161), 1196 × 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 1), but he seems to have gone out of office before 1182, when he appears as chamberlain and Roger as cellarer, and to have returned between 1189 and 1197. Also chaplain.
- Roger of Ingham*: occ. bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (C.U.L. Ee. 3. 60, f. 161), and may therefore be identical with the Roger listed above. Occ. 1182 (Davis 1954, no. 15), 1186 × 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 25), but out of office by 1197. Also chamberlain.
- Benedict*: occ. 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 158), 1186 × 1188 (Davis 1954, no. 56). Subprior, probably from 1181, until 1186.
- Robert*: occ. 1189 × 1200 (Davis 1954, nos. 110–111), but out of office by 1197.
- Jocelin of Brakelond*: appointed 29 Sept. 1197 (Butler 1949, 87–90), deposed 29 Sept. 1199, reappointed 29 Sept. 1200 (Butler 1949, 122), occ. 1206 × 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 26, and see pp. li–lvii). Also chaplain, guest-master and sub-cellarer.
- Peter of Lynn*: occ. 4 Jul. 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 142).
- Peter of Worstead*: bef. 2 Feb. 1212–after 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 187), apparently until c. 1217 × 1220. By then infirmarer. Earlier Warden of St Saviour's Hospital.
- M. Nicholas of Dunstable*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A.1, 48); out of office by 1222. Earlier chaplain and infirmarer (Thomson 1974, 187 and nn. 1–2).
- Henry of Rushbrook*: occ. 1220 × 1222 (C.U.L. Add. 6006, f. 51). Prior after 31 May 1222. Later abbot. Called 'H. de sancto Eadmundo' in Gransden 1973, 40.
- William*: occ. 1222 × 1229 (B.L. Lansd. 416, f. 80).
- Stephen of Wiggerhall*: occ. 1234 × 1242 (B.L. Add. 34689, f. 19v). Chamberlain by 1244.
- Nicholas*: occ. 1242 × 1244 (B.L. Add. 34689, ff. 19–19v). Not Nicholas of Warwick.
- H. of the Hospital and William of Beccles*: occ. jointly in 1265/6 (P.R.O. D.L. 42/5, f. 10). William also appears by himself, apparently c. 1259 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 295). Earlier guest-master; certainly cellarer bef. 1263.
- J. of Mildenhall and S. de Leverington*: occ. jointly 1267/8 (Suffolk, Elveden Hall, Iveagh Suff. 161, part I, f. 490v).
- William Rockland*: occ. c. 1280 (S.R.O.B. 449/2/237a), and in 1283/4 jointly with A. By 1284 chamberlain, then prior.
- A.*: occ. 1283/4 jointly with William Rockland (Warwick R.O. CR 1379).
- Roger of Chevington*: occ. 1294 (Gransden 1964, 153) and 1302/3–1305/6 (Warwick R. O. CR 1379), in 1305/6 jointly with John Eversden. Apparently also chamberlain for some of this time. Earlier chaplain.
- John Eversden*: occ. 1296 (B.L. Add. 14847, f. 68v), 1300 (Gransden 1964, 158), jointly with Roger of Chevington in 1305/6, and by himself again in 1316 (B. L. Harl. 230, f. 69v). Earlier chaplain and kitchener.
- John d'Aldeby (de Alkumbery or de Aldeby)*: occ. 1337 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 31v), 1345/6 with Thomas Lydgate (*ibid.*, f. 60), and 1346/7 with John Ernstele (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 83v).
- Peter of Wisbech*: occ. with John d'Aldeby some time after 1327 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 1).
- Thomas Lydgate*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89), 1330 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 170), 1331 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 117), and in 1345/6 with John d'Aldeby.
- John Ernstele*: occ. 13 Nov. 1346 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 99) with d'Aldeby figuring as a monk, but the two are recorded jointly in 1346/7 (the record has 'Everisden' in error). Also chaplain.
- John of Cambridge*: occ. 1362/3 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 340), 1363/4 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 88). Prior by 1374/5.
- William Melford*: occ. 1375/6 (B.L. Add. 36910, f. 9v), 1381/2 (B.L. Add. roll 53116).
- John of Saxham*: occ. 1384/5 (B.L. Add. roll 53117), 1388/9 (B.L. Add. roll 53119).
- William Barrow (Barwe)*: occ. 1403/4 (B.L. Add. roll 53122). Later sacrist.
- John Wetherden*: occ. 1408/9 (B.L. Add. roll 53125), 1409/10 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 55).
- William Curteys*: occ. 1417 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 402), 1422/3 (B.L. Add. 36910, f. 38). Prior by 1426, then abbot.
- Thomas Cambridge*: occ. 1427 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 376).
- Thomas Derham*: occ. 1439/40 (C.U.L. Add. roll 53136), 1444/5 (Duke of Buccleugh, Warkton Book, p. 26). Later sacrist.

## OBEDIENTIARIES OF ST EDMUND'S

*Richard Ringstead*: occ. 1461 × 1464 (Bodl. Suff. Roll 1). Simultaneously prior.

*W. Mildenhall*: occ. 1475/6 (Bodl. Suff. Roll 1).

*John Bury*: occ. 1482/3 (Duke of Buccleugh, Warkton Book, p. 35).

*William Codenham*: occ. 1497/8 (Bodl. Suff. Roll 1). Abbot from 1497.

*William Dersham*: occ. 1498 (Bodl. Suff. Roll 1). Later sacrist.

*John Eye*: occ. 1510 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A.2, 141). Also sacrist.

*John Brentford*: occ. 1514 as prior and cellarer.

*Thomas Ringstead*: occ. as prior and cellarer 1517 × 1522, 1533 × 1535. Still cellarer in 1539 (Redstone 1909, 348).

*Thomas Hessel*: occ. 1524/5 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.8/3396), 1527/8 (B.L. Add. roll 53140).

*Thomas Knettishall (Gnatesale)*: occ. 1531 (S.R.O.B. Acc. 1585 (N.S.R.)/1). Earlier sacrist.

### SUBCELLARER

*Jocelin of Brakelond*: 29 Sept. 1199–29 Sept. 1200 (Butler 1949, 123). Prev. and later cellarer. Also chaplain and guest-master.

*Hugh of Northwold*: bef. his election as abbot 7 Aug. 1213 (Thomson 1974, 186). Professed as a monk in 1202 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 10).

*Richard of Saxham*: by 1214; deposed on 16 May of that year (Thomson 1974, 187). Also firmarius, and later Warden of St Saviour's Hospital.

*Simon Kingston*: bef. his appearance as sacrist in 1263 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 295); between holding these two offices he was chamberlain. After being sacrist he became infirmarer.

*Richard de Brunne*: bef. his first appearance as sacrist in 1296/7 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 296).

*Ralph of Cavenham*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89).

### CHAMBERLAIN

*Leo*: occ. 1138 × 1148 (Douglas 1932, no. 128).

*John*: occ. 1148 × 1156, as both cellarer and chamberlain (Douglas 1932, no. 142).

*Gilbert*: occ. 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 158). Also chaplain, and later cellarer(?).

*Walter*: occ. 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 155).

*Denis*: occ. 1182; out of office by 1188 (Davis 1954, nos. 15, 56, and p. lii). Earlier and later chaplain and cellarer.

*Roger of Ingham*: occ. 1186 × 1188 (Davis 1954, no. 56). Out of office by 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 60). Prev. and for some time simultaneously cellarer.

*Hugh*: occ. 16 May 1198 (Davis 1954, no. 60), died in or soon after 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 65 and p. liii and n. 4). Also chaplain and sacrist.

*Robert*: occ. 1206 × 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 26); in office until at least 4 Nov. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 121, 187 and nn. 9–13). Out of office by 1220, but perhaps returned after 1222 (see below). Earlier precentor, later perhaps third prior and subprior.

*Richard*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 48).

*M. Thomas of Walsingham*: occ. 1221 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 63). Earlier Warden of St Saviour's Hospital.

*Robert of London*: occ. 1222 × 1229 (B.L. Lansd. 416, f. 80); occ. 1229 × 1234 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 13). Identical with the earlier Robert?

*Stephen of Wiggenhall*: occ. 1242 × 1244 (B.L. Add. 34689, ff. 19–19v), 23 Jun. 1249 (B.L. Harl. 645, f. 252). Earlier cellarer.

*Richard of Wicham*: occ. 1249 × 1256 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 12v).

*Robert*: occ. Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 256).

*R. of Boylond (identical with Robert?)*: occ. 1257 × 1279 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 12).

*Simon Kingston*: bef. his appearance as sacrist in 1263 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 295). Earlier subcellarer, later infirmarer.

*William of Hoo*: occ. 1262 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 35). Still in office in 1280, when he became sacrist (Gransden 1964, 71).

*William Rockland*: occ. 1284 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 54). Still in office when he became prior in 1287 (Gransden 1964, 89). Prev. cellarer.

*Adam of Walsingham*: occ. 1294 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 54).

*Roger of Chevington*: occ. 1295 and 1296 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 54v). Prev. chaplain, and earlier and later cellarer.

*Alan of Walsingham*: occ. 8 Jul. 1303 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 16v).

*Peter of Clopton*: occ. 1308 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 28), 1316 (*ibid.*, f. 56). Later prior.

*John of Saham*: occ. 1320 (*ibid.*, f. 57).

*Reginald of Offord (Ufford)*: occ. 1321 (*ibid.*), 1333 (*ibid.*, f. 53).

*John of Shottisham*: bef. Edmund Brundish, and therefore before Oct. 1340 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 7).

*Edmund Brundish*: bef. Oct. 1340 (*ibid.*); occ. 1341 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 29v). Not in office in 1327 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 332). Prior by 1346.

*Nicholas*: occ. 1349 × 1353 (S.R.O.B. A. 6/1/18).

- William Cratfield*: bef. his election as abbot in 1390 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 20).
- William Bray*: occ. 1393 (*ibid.*, f. 31v), 1396 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 182–3). Subprior by 1409.
- J.B.*: early 15th century (Oxford, Jesus College 18, f. 12).
- H. de Methewolde*: occ. 1409 ('thesaurarius'; C.U.L. Ff. 2. 29, f. 59).
- John Cranewys*: occ. 4 Oct. 1402 (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 19v); occ. 1424/5 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 32v). Sacrist by 1426.
- Geoffrey Walden*: bef. c. 1425: perhaps 13th century (B.L. Add. 4699, f. 9v).
- John*: late 15th century (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 198v); also precentor and feretrar.
- Robert Mildenhall*: occ. 1506/7, 'thesaurarius' and prior (P.R.O. SC6/Hen. 7/1693). 1504 prior alone.
- Edmund Bury*: occ. as 'vestiarius' 1529 (B.L. Harl. 308, f. 1\*v). Pittancer the next year.
- Thomas Ringstead*: occ. as 'thesaurarius' and prior 1530/1 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen. 8/3395). Earlier and later prior and cellarer.
- Thomas Denson*: occ. 1539 (Redstone 1909, 344).

## SUB-CHAMBERLAIN

- William of Stanhope*: occ. 28 Jun. 1214 and 12 Jan. 1215; possibly pittancer as well (Thomson 1974, 186).

## GUEST-MASTER (HOSTILLER)

- Samson*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Butler 1949, 7). Also novice-master, pittancer, third prior, subsacrist and later abbot.
- Jocelin of Brakelond*: occ. 1200 (Butler 1949, 129). Also cellarer and chaplain.
- Roger Fitzdrew*: from 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 188).
- William of Beccles*: occ. after 1245 (B.L. Harl. 1005, f. 260v). Cellarer by 1263.
- Nicholas*: occ. 14 Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 257).
- Richard*: occ. 2 Feb. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 256).
- John Northwold* ('interior guest-master'): before his election as abbot on 5 May 1279 (Gransden 1964, 68).
- Geoffrey Hemlington*: occ. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89). Prior by 1328.
- John Lavenham*: occ. 1353 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 341). Sacrist by 9 August 1361.
- Andrew Astone*: occ. 1426 (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 84v). Kitchener 1424/5.
- A. Sanfield*: late 15th century (*ibid.*, f. 198v); also subprior and baroner.
- John Elmswell*: occ. 1493/4 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.7/1692).
- John Woolpit*: 1529/30 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.8/3394).
- Robert Hall*: occ. 1539 (Redstone 1909, 316).

## PRECENTOR

- Ordmar*: c. 1125 (Gransden 1973, 98).
- Samson*: occ. 1156 × 1160 (Douglas 1932, no. 144), as subprior and precentor 1173 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 152), and 24 Mar. × 5 Apr. 1182 (Butler 1949, 31). Then sacrist.
- Robert*: occ. 1205 (Davis 1954, no. 29), and perhaps the man later chamberlain. Otherwise an error for Richard?
- Richard of Ely* (*de L'isle: de Ely or de Insula*): occ. 1182 × 1186 (Davis 1954, no. 126), 1200 × 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 146), 1213–1215 (Thomson 1974, 185), apparently until sacrist (1217 × 1220). Later prior, abbot of Burton and of Bury. Also chaplain.
- Gregory of St Albans*: 1217–c. 1230 (B.L. Add. 34689, f. 18v). Sacrist for a short period before 1234, when he became prior. Prev. succentor.
- Guy*: after 1234 (B.L. Add. 34689, f. 19v).
- John*: occ. Jan. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 253).
- Henry de Stabulo*: occ. Oct. 1312 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 194).
- Martin Rudham*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89).
- John of Snailwell*: occ. 13 Nov. 1346 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 99). Later subprior.
- John*: late 15th century (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 198v); also feretrar and chamberlain.

## SUCCENTOR

- Gregory of St Albans*: occ. between 28 Jun. 1214 (Thomson 1974, 85) and 10 Mar. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 159), although he is not given the title of succentor except on the first date. Precentor from 1217; later prior.

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INFIRMARER

- Vincent*: occ. 1173 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 152), 1186 × 1190 (Davis 1954, no. 57).  
*Henry*: occ. 1186 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 25).  
*Brian*: occ. 1189 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 107).  
*Adam*: occ. 1189 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 111). Until 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 184). Possibly chaplain. Later guardian of cellary manors and subprior.  
*Walter Gale*: from 24 Apr. 1215. Out of office before 1220 (Thomson 1974, 186). Prev. subsacrist.  
*Peter of Worstead*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 48). Prev. cellarer and Warden of St Saviour's Hospital.  
*M. Nicholas of Dunstable*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (C.U.L. Ff. 2. 33, f. 129). Prev. chaplain. Cellarer by 1220.
- Stephen de Castris*: occ. 1240 (B.L. Add. 31970, f. 75); died 1257 (B.L. Lansd. 416, f. 4).  
*Simon Kingston*: occ. 1287 (Gransden 1964, 33). Sacrist until 1280. Prev. subcellarer and chamberlain.  
*Adam de Dersle*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89).  
*Edmund Wirlingworth*: occ. 1362/3 (C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4, f. 340).  
*Roger Huntingdon(?)*: occ. 1377, without any title, as commissioner of Bodl. MS Bodl. 240. Recorded as possessor of an 'infirmary's register' in B.L. Add. 31970, f. 73. Occ. again, with no title, in 1386 (Bodl. Gough Cambs. 22, f. 10).  
*Thomas Ickworth*: occ. 1425 (B. L. Lansd. 416, f. 4).

PITTANCER

- Samson*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Butler 1949, 7). Prev. novice-master, then guest-master, third prior and subsacrist; finally abbot.  
*William (of Stanhope?)*: from at least May 1214 until Mar. the next year, and also (?) subchamberlain (Thomson 1974, 186).  
*Simon of Walsingham*: occ. 1215 × 1229 (B.L. Harl. 27, f. 76v).  
*John Gedney*: occ. 1417/18 (Oxford, Jesus College 18, f. 119v), 1418/19 (*ibid.*, f. 10v).
- Walter Beyton (Beketone)*: occ. 1465 (B.L. Harl. 27, f. 160).  
*Thomas Croftis*: occ. 1471/2 (*ibid.*, f. 2v). Professed 1 May 1463 (Oxford, St John's College 209, f. 36v).  
*John Barking*: occ. 1506 (Tymms 1850, 108).  
*Edmund Bury*: occ. 1530 (B.L. Harl. 308, f. 1\*v). Chamberlain the previous year. Still pittancer in 1539 (Redstone 1909, 324).

ALMONER

- Ralph*: bef. 14 Nov. 1180, and before holding office as sub-sacrist (Arnold 1890–96, II, 291).  
*Roald*: occ. 1182 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 23).  
*Walter of Banham*: occ. 1198 (Butler 1949, 96). Also physician. Later sacrist.  
*Jocelin*: occ. 1206 × 1209 (Davis 1954, no. 26). Until at least 12 Feb. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 149).
- Richard du Bois (de Bosco)*: occ. 1242/3 (B.L. Add. 34689, ff. 19–19v). Prior from soon after 4 Jun. 1244.  
*William of Newenham*: occ. 1279/80 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 92).  
*Walter de Benyngam*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89).  
*John Gosford*: at his election as prior in 1382 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 141).

FERETRAR

- Robert of Westhorpe*: occ. Feb. 1325 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 89).  
*William of Ingham*: occ. 1344 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 324).  
*John*: late 15th century (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 198v); also chamberlain and precentor.
- Simon Bardwell and John Finningham*: occ. jointly 1520/1 (S.R.O.B. A. 6/1/17).  
*John Finningham and Robert Langham*: occ. jointly 1524/5 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.8/3397).

REFECTORER

- Roger of Northwold*: occ. from 17 May 1214 until 28 Jun. 1214 (Thomson 1974, 188).  
*Godfrey Orme*: occ. 1375/6 (B.L. Add. 36910, f. 9v).

SUB-REFECTORER

*Herbert*: occ. 28 Jun. 1214 (Thomson 1974, 85).

KITCHENER

*John Eversden*: occ. 1294 (Gransden 1964, 153). Prev. chaplain; by 1296 cellarer.

*Andrew Astone*: occ. 1424/5 (Douai, Bibl. de la Ville 553, f. 27v). Guest-master in 1426.

FIRMARIUS

*M. John of Lavenham*: occ. from Aug. 1212 until May 1214 (Thomson 1974, 186).

*Richard of Saxham*: bef. 16 May 1214 (Thomson 1974, 187). Also subcellarer. Later Warden of St Saviour's Hospital.

MASTER OR WARDEN OF ST SAVIOUR'S HOSPITAL

*Walter*: occ. 1198 × 1206 (B.L. Harl. 1005, f. 257v).

*Peter of Worstead*: from 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 167). Prev. cellarer; later infirmarer.

*M. Thomas of Walsingham*: bef. 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 48). By 1221 chamberlain.

*Richard of Saxham*: occ. 1220 × 1229 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 49). Prev. subcellarer and firmarius.

*William*: occ. 1257 (Arnold 1890–96, II, 256).

BARONER (KEEPER OF THE BARONY)

*John Lakenheath*: at his death in 1381 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 112 n.).

*A. Sanfield*: late 15th century (B.L. Cott. Claud. A. XII, f. 198v); also subprior and guest-master.

*William Carsey*: occ. 1504 (Tymms 1850, 105–6).

MASTER OF THE LADY CHAPEL

*John Cleydon*: occ. 1532/3 (P.R.O. SC6/Hen.8/3391).

CHAPLAIN (ABBOT'S UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

*Geoffrey*: occ. 1148 × 1153 (Douglas 1932, no. 136).

*Albinus*: occ. 1148 × 1153 (Douglas 1932, no. 136), 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 153); cellarer by 1156.

*Gilbert*: occ. 1148 × 1156 (Douglas 1932, no. 142), 1156 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 153). Also probably chamberlain, and if Gilbert Elveden, cellarer bef. 14 Nov. 1180.

*Hugh*: occ. 1173 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 152), 1182 (Davis 1954, no. 15).

*Denis*: occ. 1173 × 1180 (Douglas 1932, no. 152), 1186–8 (Davis 1954, no. 56), 1189–1197 (Davis 1954, no. 107 etc.). Also chamberlain and cellarer.

*Jocelin of Brakelond*: prior's chaplain Mar. 1182, abbot's by July and for the next six years (Butler 1949, 26, 36).

*William*: at least two men of this name were chaplains during the reign of Abbot Samson (1182–1211); they appear together on a charter of 1186 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 25); one of them occurs 1186 × 1190 (Davis 1954, no. 57); in 1200 appears William of St Stephen (Davis 1954, no. 65), and William of Diss occurs 1206 × 1211 (Davis 1954, no. 124). But in 1198 neither of

the two abbot's chaplains was called William. For the very complicated situation see Davis 1954, pp. lii–liii.

*Hugh*: occ. 1186 × 1190 (Davis 1954, no. 57). Prob. the sacrist.

*Henry*: occ. 1186 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 85).

*Ralph*: occ. 1196 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 1).

*Adam*: *idem*; perhaps later infirmarer, guardian of cellary manors and subprior.

*Maurice*: occ. 16 May 1198 (Davis 1954, no. 60), 1200 (Butler 1949, 127).

*Herbert*: between 1196 (when he professed) and 1200, when he became prior (Butler 1949, 124–5). Also subsacrist.

*Benedict*: occ. 1196 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 1).

*Richard of Ely* (*de L'isle; de Ely* or *de Insula*): occ. 1200 (Davis 1954, no. 65), 1206 × 1211 (Davis 1954, no. 124 etc.). Then and later precentor; later sacrist, prior, abbot of Burton and of Bury.

*Hugh*: occ. 1206 × 1211 (Davis 1954, no. 122). Apparently not the sacrist.

*John*: occ. 1206 × 1211 (*ut supra*).

*M. Nicholas of Dunstable*: prior's chaplain by 7 Aug. 1213 (Thomson 1974, 13). Later infirmarer and cellarer.

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*W.* or *Robert* (but these may be separate people): as chaplain of St Saviour's Hospital occ. (as *W.*) 28 Jun. 1214 (Thomson 1974, 84–5) and 12 Feb. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 149), but as *Robert* on 24 Apr. (Thomson 1974, 167).

*Osbert* or *Osbern*: prior's chaplain by Dec. 1214 (Thomson 1974, 185).

*M. Henry de Wodard* and *Daniel*: occ. 1215 × 1229 (C.U.L. Add. 6847, f. 11). The latter later prior?

*Joseph*: occ. 1217 × 1220 (Bodl. Suff. Ch. A. 1, 48).

*Hugh of Thetford* and *Richard of Denham*: occ. 1221 (C.U.L. Add. 4220, f. 63).

*Robert* and *Nicholas*: occ. 1222 × 1229 (B.L. Lansd. 416, f. 80).

*Peter* and *Simon*: occ. 1242 × 1244 (B.L. Add. 34689, ff. 19–19v).

*Henry Broccham* and *Roger of Chevington*: *Henry* occ. alone in 1282 (B.L. Add. 36910, f. 6v), and with *Roger*, undated (C.U.L. Add. 6847, f. 9). *Chevington* was later chamberlain and cellarer.

*John Shottisham* and *John Eversden*: *Shottisham* occ. alone in 1282 (B.L. Add. 36910, f. 6v), and with *Eversden*, undated (C.U.L. Add. 6847, f. 9v). *Eversden* was also cellarer and kitchener, *Shottisham* chamberlain.

*Nicholas* and *Stephen*: occ. 1312 × 1335 (C.U.L. Add. 6847, f. 12v).

*Elias, Nicholas Wortham* and *William of Stow*: occ. as chaplains of St Saviour's Hospital 1327 (Arnold 1890–96, III, 346). *Nicholas* later sacrist, *William* also sacrist and later prior.

*H. de Lakingham*: occ. 1335 × 1361 (B.L. Harl. 1005, f. 67v).

*Henry Kirkstead*: occ. 1335 × 1361 (*ibid.*). Also novice-master and armarius; later prior.

*G. Holywell (Haliswell)*: occ. 1335 × 1361 (*ibid.*).

*John Ernstede*: bef. 1361 (*ibid.*). Also cellarer.

*Robert*: occ. 1374/5 (B.L. Add. 36910, ff. 10–10v).

*Phillip*: early 15th century (London, Lambeth Palace Library 194, f. 130v).

MISCELLANEOUS

*Adam*: guardian of cellary manors from 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 165). Also chaplain, infirmarer and later subprior.

*Henry Kirkstead*: novice-master and armarius, apparently before 1361 (Rouse 1966, 482–93). Also chaplain and prior.

*John of Diss*: guardian of cellary manors from 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 165).

*Peter of Tivetshall*: associated with the cellary from 24 Apr. 1215 (Thomson 1974, 167).

*Samson*: occ. as novice-master after 1173 and bef. 14 Nov. 1180 (Butler 1949, 4). Later guest-master, pittance, third prior, sub-sacrist and abbot.

*Thomas Tottington*: occ. as cellarer's 'socius' in 1294 (Gransden 1964, 153). Subprior before his election as abbot in 1302.

*W.* or *Robert*: associated with the cellary after 24 Apr. 1215 (there called 'Robert'; Thomson 1974, 167). Also chaplain of St Saviour's Hospital.

*Walter of Banham*: physician, occ. 1189 × 1197 (Davis 1954, no. 111). But whether this was an obedientiary position rather than his training in the schools is unclear. Also almoner and sacrist.

NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Thomson 1980. To the material listed there should now be added B.L. Add. 4699, a recently discovered fragment of the early 15th-century chamberlain's register (cf. my no. 1304), a late 12th-century charter (Cambridge, Corpus Christi College muniments, charter 6. xxxi 3(b): see Hall 1981, 11–25), and over one hundred court and account rolls from the manor of Worlingworth (S.R.O.I., S1/2). An imminent re-issue of Thomson 1980 will include these addenda.

<sup>2</sup> For instance, the valuable work of A. B. Whittingham (Whittingham 1952 and 1971) is vitiated by imprecise or erroneous dating of abbey officials.

<sup>3</sup> I do not include abbots in my list. Those to 1216 are accurately dated in Knowles, Brooke and London 1972, 31–33, the remainder in *V. C. H., Suffolk*, II, 72.

<sup>4</sup> Butler 1949, 4–25.

<sup>5</sup> See below, pp 93, 96.

<sup>6</sup> Gransden 1964, 22–139; Arnold 1890–96, III, 38–73.

<sup>7</sup> See below, pp 93, 96.

<sup>8</sup> Gransden 1973.

<sup>9</sup> Thomson 1974, 85; see below, pp 93, 95–98, 100.

<sup>10</sup> *Regula Benedicti*, c. 31. At Norwich the cellary department was regarded as the most important, although it was administered, from the 13th century, by a master of the cellar ('by far the most important of the Obedientiars of the Norwich Priory') as well as a cellarer (Saunders 1930, 76, 92).

- <sup>11</sup> Thomson 1971, 224–25; Thomson 1975, 54; Thomson 1977, 806–19.  
<sup>12</sup> Thomson 1974, 85–87, 184–88.  
<sup>13</sup> Arnold 1890–96, II, 289–96.  
<sup>14</sup> C.U.L. Gg. 4. 4 and Add. 4220, and detached sections: B.L. Add. 36910, Duke of Buccleugh, Warkton Book; Suffolk, Elvedon Hall, Iveagh Suffolk 161, Part 1.  
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<sup>16</sup> See below p 95.

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*Abbreviations for MSS*

- B.L.           British Library.  
Bodl.          Bodleian Library, Oxford.  
C.U.L.        Cambridge University Library.  
P.R.O.        Public Record Office.  
S.R.O.B.      Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds branch.  
S.R.O.I.      Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich branch.