

Wherever the image came from it stands in a magnificent new church in Nettuno and is carried in procession on the first Sunday in May each year¹³.

Two women of property

There are a few instances of widows leaving real property (land) in their wills, for example **Collette Hankyn** of Orford, who died in 1474, bequeathed her tenement in the market to her husband for him to sell. **Margery Flete** left property in 1505. Her three small 'tenentries' (tenancies), let with easement to a well, and her pightle '*at the town's end with the saffron panne*' were left to her husband. This reference to saffron being grown in Orford predates by 100 years a similar reference in a will of 1635, see Bulletin 17, Autumn 2011, pp 22-23.

The servants of Butley Priory

Butley Priory was one of only three 'greater' monasteries in Suffolk which survived Cardinal Wolsey's cull of small religious house in 1520s and the closure of lesser monasteries in 1536. However, even Butley's time was up by 1539. The impact on the area of its closure can, perhaps, be likened to the decommissioning of military bases in the 20th and 21st centuries, because the priory was a source of local employment. There were only twelve monks listed at Butley Priory when it closed in 1538, but they provided a livelihood for 67 employees, schooling for seven children and charitable support for two sick or aged bedesmen¹⁴.



The south transept arch of the Priory church, one of the few fragments, apart from the fine Gatehouse, still standing
(photo Richard Quarrell)