

## **Selection of interesting locations from the 780 burials inside St Mary's Church Saffron Walden by John Read.**

See also the complete list of burials, and also John Read's interesting article in the Saffron Walden Historical Journal No 4 Autumn 2002 on "St Mary's Saffron Walden Burial Registers 1558 - 1892", both of which can also be downloaded from our website.

<http://www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/History.htm>

### **1. Burial locations with relation to the seats of the Earl and Countess of Suffolk (Howard family) which appear to have been at the entrance to the chancel – perhaps facing each other, one on each side.**

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|------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1647 | Elizabeth Cavell                   | Middle chancel | Her head close to the steps going into the seat of Rt Hon Countess of Suffolk   |
| 1648 | Judeth Archer                      | Middle Chancel | Under the 1 <sup>st</sup> great stone next the seat on the right hand beyond the Countess's seat as you go out of the church into the chancel |
| 1651 | Archibald Peare<br>Earl of Suffolk | Middle Chancel | His head close to the seat of the Earl of Suffolk   |
| 1651 | Lott Peere                         | Middle Chancel | At the north side of it, close to the seat adjoining to the Earl of Suffolk   |
| 1662 | Lettice Mordaunt                   | Middle Chancel | Under the two stones near the Earl of Suffolk's seat, her head lying just against the corner of that seat                                     |
| 1672 | Ann Flecher                        | Middle Chancel | With her head close to the stairs going into the Earl of Suffolk's seat   |
| 1672 | George Goonsonn                    | Middle Chancel | With his head close to the steps which goes into the Countess of Suffolk's, part of him under the 1 <sup>st</sup> step going up the altar     |
| 1677 | John Borrowes                      | Middle Chancel | On the north side where the seat stood, his head close to the Earl of Suffolk's seat  |
| 1686 | Sophia Reed                        | Middle Chancel | Her head close to the steps going into the Earl of Suffolk's seat under the new pavements   |
| 1686 | William Fosset                     | Middle Chancel | On the south side, his head close to  |

the Earl of Suffolk's seat

N.B. These continue up to 1724

## **2. Locations near Byrd/Woodhall memorials (north wall of the church near clergy vestry)**

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|------|------------------|---|
| 1626 | Jeane Warren     | Within the rails where Mr Woodhall's tomb is  |
| 1651 | Thomas Dodson    | At the west end of the church on the north side by the monument of Mr Woodhall's family   |
| 1652 | Jone Gammage     | After you are entered in at the north door of the church with her head against the corner of the rail that encloseth the monuments of the Woodhalls and Byrds |
| 1665 | Eddward Bird     | In the burying place of Mr Thomas Bird being railed in  |
| 1666 | John Gammage     | On the north side of the church within one pavement of Mr Bird's monument   |
| 1668 | Anne Byrd        | In the burying place belonging to them  |
| 1668 | William Byrd     | In the burying place belonging to them  |
| 1674 | William Bird     | Upper corner of the rails furthest from the wall where the Woodall monument stands  |
| 1677 | Mary Josling     | North Alley Her head close to the corner of the rails of the Woodall monument   |
| 1686 | William Kilburne | In the corner of the rails, his head under the little stone which was laid for Wm Woodhall  |

N.B. These continue up to 1739

## **3. Locations containing references back to earlier times**

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|------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1622 | Richard Burrow | Cross Alley   | Under the great white stone next the grave stone of Katherine Seamer southward                     |
| 1649 | Robert Goodman | North Alley   | Under the stone laid in memory of his ancestors, the brass of which stone was lately taken up      |
| 1652 | Mary Leader    | North Chancel | Under the stone that hath so much brass taken off it, which stone lies in memory of the Nicholases |

1666 Mary Abbey                      Near the font with her head close to the stone that hath the brass on it

**4. Locations near the Treasurers seat. (The Treasurer was the chief town official – later known as Mayor). The Treasurer's seat appears to have been in the front row on the left of the centre aisle.**

1623 Jonas Fenning      Cross Alley      His head close to the stool where Mr John Parker & Mr Plomer & Mr Leader sit, his feet close to the stool where the Treasurer sits, 6 feet from the wooden step.

1644 Anna Williamson    Upper Cross Alley    About the middle of Mr Treasurers seat under the two stones joining to the pavements.

1645 Thomas Henschow    Upper Cross Alley    Between the seats at the going in of the two doors of the Middle Chancel between the two wooden steps next to the Treasurers seat.

1648 William Nightingale    Cross Alley      After you are down the steps as you come in at the north door in the chancel against the seat where the Treasurer and Chamberlain sit.

1648 Ann Emerson              Below the steps as you enter in at the North Chancel next to the Cross Alley between the two seats where the Assistants of the Treasurer sit.

1649 John White                As you go down the steps when you come in at the north door of the chancel between the seats as you go to the Treasurers seat.

1650 Thomas Swan              Cross Alley      As you come in at the north door at the chancel with his feet towards the north end of the seat where the Treasurer sits as you go up into the chancel

1650 Thomas Younge        Cross Alley      As you come in at the north door at the chancel with his feet towards the end of the seat where the Treasurer sits as you go by into the chancel.

1651 William Nightingale    Cross Alley      As you come in at the north chancel gate just under the middle of the Treasurers seat.

1652 Mary Baker                Down the steps of the south chancel between the seats where the Assistants of the Treasurer and Chamberlains sit.

N.B. The last reference to the Treasurers seat is in 1696. Thereafter the Mayor's seat is frequently mentioned following the William and Mary charter of 1694.

**5. Other interesting locations**

1647 Mary Ramkin              As you enter in at the great door on the south side

otherwise called the poor folk's seats.

- 1651 Jane Baron South Alley In the alley as you come down the south chancel steps between the two seats where the Company sit.
- 1660 James Penystone Between the seats where the Courts were kept & the pillar where the font some time stood.
- 1669 John Parker South Alley Against the marrying church door.
- 1669 Lettice Haddoch South Alley Coming in at the marrying church door nearer the maids seat than the above written Mr Parker.
- 1671 Mary Litellchild South Alley About six foot from the Cross Alley the marrying porch door.
- 1679 George Church Middle Alley At lower end within one foot of the old seat where the Book lies, under the new pavements within one row of the pavement stones on the north side.
- 1681 James Monteth Middle Chancel Between stone of John Holgate and Dr Drake's wife.  
(N.B. All these stones now at west end of church)
- 1685 Thomas Ramkin North Alley Against the door within two feet from where the Book lies.
- 1736 Richard Archer His head lies about five feet from the children's gallery and his feet close to the north west point of the font.
- 1737 Elizabeth Stevenson Close to the pew of the Alldresses (wives of Aldermen)
- 1741 Jane Butts In the first form where the Grammar School boys sit.
- 1741 John Bagnail Close by the Consistory Court, his head two yards from the wall.
- 1748 Thomas H Wolfe At south west end between Consistory Court and gallery
- 1759 Charles Webb Between the font and the Consistory Court.
- 1787 Ebenezer Maurice In the church on the south side a little distance lower from the bone vault under a white stone with an inscription.