

## West Suffolk & Bury St Edmunds Church Recording Group



The Church Recording Group of the West Suffolk and the Bury St Edmunds The Arts Societies presenting its 25<sup>th</sup> Church Record in November



and their 26<sup>th</sup> of Elveden Church, on what is now Lord Iveagh's large Suffolk estate, awaits a presentation date. In 1863 Elveden Hall and estate were bought by the Maharajah Duleep Singh (1839-1893), the last leader of the Sikh Empire in India, who had been deposed by the British and, aged 16 and having converted to Christianity, was brought to spend his exile in England where he was a favourite of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He presented the Koh-i-Noor diamond to the Queen. He undertook very elaborate restoration of the Church. He was buried in the churchyard and is commemorated in the Church.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Record, Lakenheath Church, is nearing completion, the Group taking advantage of relaxation of Covid restrictions. Its features include wall paintings, a superb Norman Chancel Arch and connections with the Lakenheath USAF Base.

Meantime, Society members joined the Group's annual day out to 3 Norfolk churches, including the famous St Mary's, Houghton-on-the-Hill <https://www.houghtonstmarys.org.uk/>



a rescued abandoned church which also has conserved wall paintings.

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