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Talk by Rev. Harvey Griffiths
**The Story of Southwick - from the Foundation of the Priory to
the Reformation**

The Rev. Harvey Griffiths gave us a very interesting and entertaining talk on the history both of the priory and Southwick itself. Afterwards he joined us for a social cuppa, cake and chit chat which was enjoyed by all.



In 1133 Henry I founded a priory of Austin canons at St. Marys Church in Portchester and around 1145 the priory moved to Southwick. The priory was visited by Henry VIII some three decades before the same king suppressed it and it was dissolved in 1538. Sadly only a small section of the medieval wall is all that remains of the priory today.

