

1. Parish: Bucklesham

Meaning: Buccel's enclosure (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Colneis

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Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894 – 1935), Deben RD (1934 – 1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,826 acres (1912(

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Deep well drained sandy soils. Risk wind erosion
b) Deep well drained coarse loams (often stoneless)
some sandy loams, risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		2 smallholders
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Light lands, sheep/corn region, sheep main fertilizing agents, bred for fattening. Barley being main cash crop
	Young:	“Their culture of carrots, their breed of horses is nowhere else to be seen” (1813)
1818	Marshall:	Area known as the Sadlings where the cultivation of carrots is undertaken
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, forestry
1969	Trist:	The sand is ideal for carrot production which was resumed in post war period, now mainly produced for canning. Other crops – turnip and kale seed

6. **Enclosure:**

1804 Enclosure award with Ipswich R.O.

7. **Settlement:**

1958/1975 Small relatively compact development situated along line of Purdis Farm, Levington Roads. Church to N. of main settlement. There is some evidence to suggest that

further development has occurred to the E. of 1958 settlement.
Secondary centres at Kembroke Hall and Redhouse Farm.
Some scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 19, 1801 – 29, 1851 – 63, 1871 – 72, 1901 – 66, 1951 – 72, 1981 – 176

8. Communications:

Road: To Purdis Farm, Levington
1891 Carriers to Ipswich Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Rail: 1891 1½ miles Orwell station: Ipswich – Felixstowe line opened (1877), closed (1959)

9. Population:

1086 — 37 recorded
1327 — 76 taxpayers paid £5. 15s. 5d. (includes Kirton, Falkenham and Hemley)
1524 — 25 taxpayers paid £3. 11s. 10d.
1603 — 98 adults
1674 — 22 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 186 inhabitants
1831 — 274 inhabitants
1851 — 318 inhabitants
1871 — 321 inhabitants
1901 — 263 inhabitants
1931 — 232 inhabitants
1951 — 235 inhabitants
1971 — 501 inhabitants
1981 — 476 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1931), Discharged Rectory (1844)

1254 Valued £5. 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £5. 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £9. 1s. 7d.
1831 1 curate. Stipend £61 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Incumbent also holds Rectories of Long Stratton St. Mary, Norfolk and St. Clements-at-the-Bridge, Norwich
1835 Valued £560
1844 Tithes commuted for £524 p.a. rent charge
1887 44 acres 0R 16P glebe. Rent charge of £524 19s. 2d. p.a.

Patrons: Richard Brooke (1603), Incumbent (1831), Mrs. Henderson (1891), E.G. Pretyman (1918)

11. Church St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, S. aisle, small wooden bell turret and spire (shingled broach))

1086 1 church + 8 acres and 2 smallholders
14/15cent. Original building
1878 Almost entirely rebuilt to design of William Smith

Seats: 150

12. Nonconformity etc:

1882 1 building used by Primitive Methodists (not mentioned
1883)

1841 1 house set aside for worship

13. Manorial:

1091 Manor belonging to William Fitz-Robert/de Mortain (Earl
of Cornwall)

1106 Forfeited to the Crown

13/14th cent. John Cordeboef owns

1316 Linked to Nacton and Walton (De Holbrooke family)
passing by marriage to Felbrigge family (linked to
Mildenhall)

1553 Thomas Felton owns

1626 Linked to Nacton and Blythburgh (Sir Richard Broke)

1909 Linked to Nacton (Lord de Saumarez)

Sub-Manors:

Kembroke

1626 Inquis p.m. of Sir Robert Broke (sometime absorbed by
main manor)

Tyrells Hall al Tyrells Feltwell-cum-Foxhall

1316 Vested in Prior of Ely

1353 Possibly absorbed by main manor (sir Thomas de
Holbroke)

1510 Linked to Bawdsey (Thomas Russhe)

1558 Linked to Felixstowe, Nacton, Boulge, Dallinghoo, Gt.
Bealings (Thomas Seckford)

1568 Re-absorbed by main manor (Robert Broke)

1909 Linked to Flakenham, Kirton, Levington, Trimley St.
Martin, Stratton Hall and Walton (E.G. Pretyman)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,713 rental value
1891	£2,385 rateable value
1912	£1,690 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891/1912	Capt. E.G. Pretyman principle landowner + several small owners

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1460	Water mill called 'Fullyngmyll' (suggests cloth/weaving was carried out here)
1500-1549	1 yeoman, 2 husbandmen
1550-1599	3 husbandmen, 1 millwright, 1 carpenter
1600-1649	9 yeomen, 1 quilt weaver, 1 tailor, 1 sailor
1650-1699	7 yeomen, 1 clerk, 2 millers, 1 carpenter
1831	57 in agriculture, 10 in retail/handicrafts, 17 in domestic service
1844	shoemaker, shopkeeper/victualler, blacksmith, corn miller, mil manager, farrier, 8 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 7 farmers, beer retailer, head forester, publican/shopkeeper, blacksmith, wheelwright

19. Education:

1833	1 Sunday school (25 attend)
1875	Board school built to accommodate also children from Brightwell and Foxhall as well as Bucklesham Average attendance (1912) 92

20. Poor relief:

1776	£53. 6s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£118. 12s. 8d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£331. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£255. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£369. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£367. 10s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

1824	20 acre let at £24 p.a. for distribution among poor
1848	by will of Rev. John Cartwright. Half interest on £200 for endowment of school. Half interest to purchase of bread.

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844 THE SHANNON public house
1891/1912 THE SHANNON public house, 1 beer retailer

24. Personal:

Circa 1382 Rev. John Battsford of Bucklesham led mob to burn
Court Rolls of Waton Priory

25. Other information:

'The Felixstowe Story' by A. Jobson (1968) p.173

Archaeological sites:

Ring ditches (CRN 3759, 3760, 3766, 3772)
Square enclosures (CRN 3761, 3771)
Enclosure (CRN 3762, 3768)
Round barrows + pottery (CRN 3763, 3764)
Field system (CRN 3765, 3767, 3773)
Linear feature (CRN 3769)
Stray finds: B.A. axes (CRN 3757, 3344)
Neo. Axes (CRN 3774, 3775, 3776, 3777)
Arrowhead (CRN 3778)
Sax. Strap end (CRN 3758)
I.A. coin (CRN 3779)
Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 3770)