

1. Parish: Buxhall

Meaning: Bucc's hall/homestead (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Stow

Deanery: Stow (- 1972), Stowmarket (1972 -)

Union: Stow

RDC/UDC: E. Stow RD (1894 – 1934), Gipping RD (1934 – 1974),
Mid Suffolk DC (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,560 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils.
Slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		42 aces meadow, 7 cattle, 106 sheep, 11 goats, ½ mill (pre 1066), 38 pigs, 1 cob
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp.
1804	Young:	Large acreages of hops grown
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, clover
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958/1978 Small diverse settlement with centres of development at;
a) the church and Maypole Farm and b) Mill Green, Mill Road and Brettenham Road. Small secondary development at Buxhall Fen Street and on the Rattesden Road.
Roamn Road forms western boundary. Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 39, 1801 – 62, 1851 – 116, 1871 – 114,
1901 – 88, 1951 – 115, 1981 – 129

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to rattleden, Brettenham, Gt. Finborough and
Onehouse.
Length of Roman Road
1891 Carrier to Stowmarket on Thursday

Rail: 1891 3½ miles Stowmarket station. Ipswich – Norwich line
opened (1846), line electrified (1985)

9. Population:

1086 — 68½ recorded
1327 — 33 taxpayers paid £2. 13s. 4d.
1524 — 47 taxpayers paid £8. 1s. 2d.
1603 — 160 adults
1674 — 57 households
1676 — 189 adults
1801 — 385 inhabitants
1831 — 466 inhabitants
1851 — 560 inhabitants
1871 — 488 inhabitants
1901 — 402 inhabitants
1931 — 406 inhabitants
1951 — 369 inhabitants
1971 — 363 inhabitants
1981 — 377 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Value £20
1291 Value £20
Portion to prior of Stokes (Stoke by Clare) £1. 10s.
£21. 10s.
1535 Value £20. 0s. 5d.
Neat residence built (1754), enlarged (1854)
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £578 p.a. Incumbent also
holds Rectory of Halesden (Harleston)
1844 Modus of £680 p.a. in lieu of tithes, neat residence
1891 39 acres glebe
1912 Value £476 p.a.

Patrons: Henry Coppinger (1603), Copinger Hill (1831), Rev. C. Hill
(1844), Rev. H. Hill (1891)

11. Church St. Mary
(Chancel, N. vestry, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 30 acres and ½ meadow

14 th cent.	Main structure. Tower (dated from will 1392)
1597	Buxhall church described as “decayed”
17 th cent.	Roof to chancel
1875/1903	Restoration
1950's	Restoration work exposed stoup in S. porch Parish stocks preserved in porch

Seats: approx. 500

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606	1 person neglecting to attend church at Easter
1611	1 person not attending church
1676	9 nonconformists
1705-1840	4 houses set aside for worship Primitive Methodist chapel built (1875)

13. Manorial:

Buxhall

1066	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Leofwin Croc
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
1210-12	Sir William Esturmy held 3 Knights fees of the Honor of Lancaster
13 th cent.	Late 13 th cent. John Copinger owns
1719	Thomas Hill owns
Circa 1826	Copinger Gooch owns
1899	Walter Arthur Copinger owns

Sub-Manors:

Cockerells Hall

12 th cent.	Granted to Cantelin family
12 th cent.	Late 12 th cent. Adam de Cokeril owns
1551	William Betts owns
Circa 1557	Links with Stoke by Nayland, Polstead, Rattlesden (James Revett)
Circa 1575	William Vesey owns
1710	Possibly annexed to main manor (Gregory Copinger)
1764	Thomas Copinger Moyle owns
1772	Thomas Garner owns
1803	James Webster owns
1899	Absorbed by main manor (Walter Arthur Copinger)

Leffey Hall

13 th cent.	Sir Thomas Weyland owns
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Circa 1400	Possible links with Gt. Waldingfield and Acton (Lords Morley) (Lovel family)
16 th cent.	Sir John Spring owns
1568	Robert Rychars owns
1596	Sir Robert Haughton owns
1693	Sir Edward Hungerford owns
18 th cent.	Joshua Grigsbey owns
Circa 1803	Robert Fuller owns
1899	Absorbed by main manor

Fenn Hall

1086	Manor of 3½ carucates belonging to Frodo the Abbot of St. Edmunds brother
1281	Links with Stoke by Nayland (Sir John Tendring)
15 th cent.	Links with numerous manors throughout Suffolk (Dukes of Norfolk)
1544	Annexed to Leffey Hall (Sir John Spring)
1573	Annexed to Cockerells Hall (James Ryvett)
Circa 1781	Links with Stoke by Nayland, Polestead, Nayland, Groton, Boxford, Kirton (Sir William Rowley followed by Sir Joshua T. Rowley (1910))

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,905 rental value
1891	£2,902 rateable value
1912	£2,143 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	Land mainly freehold
1912	Executors of Walter A. Copinger of Fasbourne Hall, principle landowners

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Henry Copinger
1680	1 gent
1724	Gregory Copinger, High Sheriff of Suffolk
1844	Rev. C. Hill MA, Rev. C. Green BA, J. Garnham
1891	Rev. H. Hill, E. Wells JP
1912	Misses Copinger, Rev. H.C. Hill BA, E. Wells JP

18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 butcher
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1550–1599	8 husbandmen, 10 yeomen, 1 butcher, 1 parson, 1 clerk, 1 serving man, 2 shoemakers, 1 cooper, 1 labourer
1600–1649	3 husbandmen, 15 yeomen, 1 tanner, 1 spinster, 1 blacksmith, 1 clerk
1650–1699	1 labouring man, 3 carpenters, 15 yeomen, 1 butcher, 1 blacksmith, 1 clerk, 1 tailor
1700	1 miller
1844	Corn miller, butcher, wheelwright, blacksmith, carpenter, 16 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 11 farmers, shopkeeper, miller, 2 farm bailiffs, steward to exors. Of W.A. Copinger, wheelwright, blacksmith beer retailer, poultry dealer

19. Education:

1818/33	1 Sunday school (30 and 37 attending respectively) School Board formed (1876) School built (1877), average attendance (1912) 52
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20. Poor relief:

1776	£231. 5s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£551. 2s. 11d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£622. 14s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£573. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£485. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£406. 1s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Salter's Gift

1615	by will of Mark Salter. Rent charges of £1 p.a. applied to coals, distributed annually among poor
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Mrs. Garnham's Bequest

1891	£4. 8s. 10d. (3% of £148 consols) for the poor
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22. Other institutions:

1521	1 Guild listed
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23. Recreation:

1891/1912	Beerhouse/retailer
20 th cent.	THE CROWN public house

24. Personal:

1512	Sir William Copinger, Lord Mayor of London
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25. Other information:

Fasbourn Hall: Original manor house. Previously known as Copinger Hall/Court – Copinger family resident from at least 1240. approached by ancient double arched bridge. House dates from at least Edward III/Richard II. Circa 17th cent. Buxhall Hall became manor house. Site marked by avenue of trees. House taken down circa 1700.

3 cases of incendiarism due to agrarian unrest (1844)

Objects pertaining to Roman Catholic religious devotion found hidden at Maypole Farm (no dates), 16th cent. origin

'History of Parish of Buxhall' by W.A. Copinger (1902) (contains extracts from Court Rolls, Wills, Terriers, Registers etc.)

River here said at one time to be navigable to Rattlesden.

Stocks were situated on Finborough/Rattlesden junction.

Mill said to stand on site occupied by that listed in Domesday book. Mill/Mill field mentioned in (1647)

Village Green known as Buxhall Tye (Henry Sowgate allowed part of the Green to build a cottage (1/2 rod) (1583))

Rector of Buxhall fined 3d. for playing bowls on the Green (1603/04)

Malting office built (1727)

Poplin Grove planted in Hop Ground (1731/32)

Bridge near Lower Farm built (1840)

Archaeological Sites

Med. moated sites (CRN 5446, 5447, 5448)

Mound (CRN 5449)

Church of St. Maryn (CRN 5452)

Suspected Roman Road (CRN 5453)

Suspected Med. park (field name evidence) (CRN 5454)

Stray finds: Med. ampulla (CRN 5451)

3 keys (CRN 5455)

Rom. Coins (CRN 5456)

Fired clay bottle (CRN 5457)

Scatter finds: Rom. Coins (CRN 5450)