

1. Parish: Capel St. Andrew

Meaning: The chapel of St. Andrew (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Wilford

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Union: Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,330 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Deep well drained sand, sub-soil sand, some very acid with bleached sub-surface, especially under heath and woodland, risk of wind erosion
Problems of acidity and trace element deficiencies

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop
1804	Young:	“This corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere”... identified as carrot growing region.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually of turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley and lupins
1969	Trist:	Dairying has been replaced by arable farming

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1979 Small settlement formed within NE corner of crossroads where road to Capel Green, Butley, Boyton and Hollesley meet. Secondary settlement appears at Capel Green, although very small. Large part of parish is covered by plantation. Airfield intrudes into parish at NW corner
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 12, 1801 – 19, 1851 – 42, 1871 – 43, 1901 – 39, 1951 – 37, 1981 – 30

8. **Communications:**

Road: Roads to Capel Green, Butley, Boyton and Hollesley
1912 Carriers pass through to Woodbridge in Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 7 miles Melton station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line, opened (1859), closed for passengers (1955), closed for goods (1965), used for coal traffic (1984)

Air: Woodbridge air base constructed on 159 acres for RAF (1942). 4,120 emergency landings recorded (1945). The Blind Landing Experimental Unit also operated from the station as well as Martlesham
RAF abandoned (1948)
Occupied as USAF base (1952 to date)

9. **Population:**

1086 — 42 recorded
1327 — 27 taxpayers paid £1. 9s. 8d. (includes Boyton)
1524 — 18 taxpayers paid £0. 15s. 2d.
1603 — Not recorded
1674 — 16 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 162 inhabitants
1831 — 190 inhabitants
1851 — 202 inhabitants
1871 — 209 inhabitants
1901 — 164 inhabitants
1931 — 128 inhabitants
1951 — 128 inhabitants
1971 — 83 inhabitants
1981 — 90 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (annexed to Butley)**

1254 Valued £1.
1291 The incumbent of Butley adopted the cure of Capel.
Oblations and other small profits said to be worth £1.
1831 Joint gross income £85 p.a. No glebe house
1912 Incumbent resides in Butley

11. **Church St. Andrew**

1086 Church + 12 acres land, valued 2s.
Demolished between (1529 and 1553)
Site known from human remains found opposite Church Farm

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Manor of Capel St. Andrew

1310 Simon de Ratlesden owns
1609 Sir W. Forth owns (linked to Boyton and Bromeswell)
1885 Lord Rendlesham owns (linked to Rendlesham, Ramsholt and Boyton)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,121 rental value
1891 £953 rateable value
1912 £708 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Lord Rendlesham principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent recorded

18. Occupations:

1600–1649 1 shoemaker
1831 46 in agriculture, 2 in retail trade, 1 in domestic service
1844 4 farmers, 1 shopkeeper
1912 6 farmers

19. Education:

1833 1 daily school (30 attend)
1912 Children attend school at Boyton and Butley

20. Poor relief:

1776	£39. 11s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£83. 4s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£212. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£227. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£205. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£114. 5s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate:

1768 Cottage and 1 acre 3R of hempland in Butley let at £6
p.a. for general poor relief
1894 Accounts dating from 1768 still exist

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Abolished ecclesiastically (circa 1530), transferred entirely to Butley
(authority no found)

Archaeological Sites

Barrow (CRN 13)

Un. Mound (CRN 483, 690, 2214)

Site of Church/Med. human bone scatter (CRN 12)

Scatter finds: I.A. pottery (CRN 1982)

Rom. Pottery (CRN 15, 1983)

Med. Pottery (CRN 1979, 1981, 1984)

Sax. Pottery (CRN 1980)