

1. Parish: Chelmondiston

Meaning: Ceolmund's dwelling/enclosure (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Samford

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Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford R.D. (-1974), Babergh D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Samford Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:**

1,277 acres land, 105 acres tidal water, 109 acres foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- a) Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion
 - b) Deep often stoneless coarse loam. Some slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged coarse and fine loam over clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Large but compact development grouped around road to Shotley. Church centrally situated.
River Orwell forms natural boundary to the North.
Secondary development at Pinmill. Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 47, 1801 – not returned, 1851 – 157, 1871 – 213, 1901 – 203, 1951 – 231, 1981 – 417

8. **Communications:**

Road: Roads to Wollverstone, Shotley and Harkstead
1844 Carriers to Ipswich Monday – Saturday
1891 Carriers to Ipswich daily
Water: River Orwell – navigable to Ipswich
1912 Steamboats to Ipswich and Harwich 3 times daily each way in winter, 5 times daily from June – August

9. **Population:**

1086 — not recorded
1327 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 13s. 5³/₄d. (includes Woolverstone)
1524 — 23 taxpayers paid £3. 2s. 6d.
1603 — 80 adults
1674 — 47 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 268 inhabitants
1831 — 480 inhabitants
1851 — 796 inhabitants
1871 — 888 inhabitants
1901 — 865 inhabitants
1931 — 714 inhabitants
1951 — 743 inhabitants
1971 — 1,110 inhabitants
1981 — 1,045 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £4.
1291 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £8. 10s.
1831 1 curate, stipend £70 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation
Gross income £312 p.a.
Incumbent also holds Chapelry of Stockwell, Surrey
Value £312 (1835)
Rectory house built (1850), enlarged (1865)
1891 Valued £215
1912 Nett value £210 p.a. + residence

Patrons: The Crown (1603-), Lord Chancellor (1891)

- 11. Church** St. Andrew
 (Chancel, side chapel, nave, N. aisle, s. porch, W. tower)
- Suggestion of 14/15th cent. building
- 1868-91 Enlarged and restored
- 1944 Destroyed by bomb during WWII (10th Dec.)
- 1955-57 Rebuilding
- Seats: 275 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

- 1597 3 persons not receiving communion
 1 person excommunicated for not attending church
 Baptist and Wesleyan chapel taken down (1879) and
 larger one built
- 1891 Baptist chapel built

13. Manorial:

- 1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Siward, a free man
- 1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Count Alan
- 14th cent. Crown property
- 1316 Linked to Bucklesham, Brantham, Burstall and
 Woolverstone (Sir John de Holbrook died seised)
- 1749 Samuel Lucas owns
- 1841 Linked to Woolverstone (Archdeacon Berners)
- 1910 Linked to Erwarton, Freston, Harkstead and Holbrook
 (C.H. Berners)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

- 1844 £1,639 rental value
- 1891 £2,142 rateable value
- 1912 £2,518 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

- 1844 Land sub-divided, soil is all freehold
- 1891 C.H. Berners, sole owner
- 1912 C.H. Berners, principle owner, land is all freehold

17. Resident gentry:

- 1844 Rev. H. Chissold MA

1680 1 gent

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1550-1599 1 yeoman, 1 bricklayer, 3 mariners/sailors, 1 miller, 1 shipwright, 1 beer brewer, 2 blacksmiths
1600-1649 5 yeomen, 2 weavers, 2 husbandmen, 1 sailor/mariner, 1 potter, 1 beer brewer, 1 clerk, 1 tanner, 1 tailor
1650-1699 8 yeomen, 1 husbandmen, 3 mariners
1831 52 in agriculture, 21 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 21 labourers, 6 in domestic service, 9 others
1844 30 boats moored at Pin-mill employed in collecting stone near Harwich for manufacture of Roman Cement at Ipswich. 2 blacksmiths, 2 victuallers, 2 shoemakers, teacher, cement stone merchant and dresser, shopkeeper/stone dresser, 2 shopkeepers, baker, corn miller, wheelwright, 8 farmers, 2 carriers
1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, carrier, steam boat conveyancer, 5 farmers, boot maker, chimney sweep, florist, 2 shopkeepers, doctor, blacksmith, bricklayer, millers, 2 grocers, 2 butchers, 3 publicans, 2 boat builders, baker, sail maker, fancy draper, surgeon, beer retailer, shipwright, wheelwright, grocer/draper, painter/grocer

19. Education:

1818 2 day schools (40-50 attend), 1 Sunday school (48 attend)
1833 3 daily schools (98 attend), 1 Sunday school (40 attend), National School built (1838), rebuilt (1857) by John Berners, enlarged (1865 and 1883)
1844 Boarding school listed
Council schools built (1857) by J. Berners, enlarged (1899) average attendance (1912) 160
Infant school added (1888) for 50 pupils

20. Poor relief:

1776	£65. 10s. 2d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£128. 17s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£244. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£163. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£163. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£147. 6s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

- 1891 Court Flower of Suffolk Foresters Club (370 members)
meetings held at Foresters Arms
- 1912 Diamond Jubilee Parish Club House listed. Presented to
village by C.H. Berners of Woolverstone Hall

23. Recreation:

- 16/17th cent. Beer brewers recorded
- 1844 2 public houses (THE BUTT AND OYSTER (dates from
circa 1500) and THE RED LION)
- 1891 1 beer house, 3 public houses (THE RED LION, THE
BUTT AND OYSTER and THE FORESTERS ARMS)
At Pin-mill – THE ALMA INN
- 1912 1 beer retailer, 3 public houses as above
Pin Mill Cruising Club
- 1964 Annual Pin Mill Barge Match

24. Personal:

Arthur Ransome (author of children's adventure stories such as
'Swallows and Amazons') lived at Alma Cottage near to
the Butt & Oyster public house at Pin Mill

25. Other information:

Bomb dropped from German aircraft killed one man and wounded his
sister as well as damaging church (1944)

Village sign unveiled (1981)

Area around Pin Mill flooded to depths of 18" (1926). Flooding occurred
again in 1953.

Article with photographs in 'A View into the Village' by C. Sandon
(1969)

The Water Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Port of Ipswich held admiralty
courts at the Butt & Oyster public house between 1546
and 1552

Archaeological Sites

Field system (CRN 4823, 4826, 4827, 4832)

Ring ditches (CRN 4824, 4825, 4828, 4829, 4830, 4831)

Stray finds: Med. pot sherds
Coin
B.A. axe
IA/RB coin
RB finger ring
Med. strap end