

1. Parish: Debach

Meaning: Valley of the deep river (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Wilford

Deanery: Loes (-1914), Carlford (1914-1972), Woodbridge (1972-)

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: 464 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion.

5. Types of farming:

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp.
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, peas, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1983 Small development spread along line of Wickham Market – Boulge Road. Church centrally situated. A few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 17, 1851 – 27, 1871 – 33, 1901 – 29, 1951 – 27, 1981 – 24

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Wickham Market and Boulge
Rail: 1891 4 miles Woodbridge station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line, opened (1859)
Air: Debach airfield built by US Army (1943/44), used as POW holding camp (circa 1945), later accommodated displaced persons

9. Population:

1086 — 11 recorded
1327 — 28 taxpayers paid £2. 3s. 7d. (includes Bredfield and Boulge)
1524 — 8 taxpayers paid £2. 0s. 6d. (includes Boulge)
1603 — 60 adults (includes Boulge)
1674 — 13 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 117 inhabitants
1831 — 133 inhabitants
1851 — 104 inhabitants
1871 — 138 inhabitants
1901 — 140 inhabitants
1931 — 127 inhabitants
1951 — 90 inhabitants
1971 — 80 inhabitants
1981 — 88 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Boulge)

1254 Valued £1. 6s. 8d.
1291 Not recorded
Consolidated with Boulge (1730)
1831 Joint gross income £235 p.a. Incumbent also holds perpetual curacy of Hoo and Letheringham
1912 Joint nett value £184. 20 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Thomas Seckford (1603), Mrs. S. Reynolds (1831), R. Eaton White (1912)

**11. Church All Saints
(Chancel, nave, N. porch)**

1086 Church + 8 acres land, valued 16d.
1853 Rebuilt and enlarged
1937 Disused: converted to secular use

Seats: 80 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Debach Burgh

1316 Queen Margaret owns (linked with Boulge and Bredfield)
1329 Gilbert de Boulge owns
15th cent. mid 15th cent. Sir Anthony Wingfield owns (linked to
Dallinghoo, Hollesley)
1811 Edmund Jenney owns (linked to Bredfield)

Sub-Manors:

Bast Struttings

15th cent. Situated mainly in parish of Boulge
Annexed to main manor
1806 Thomas Corbett owns (linked to Stradbroke)
Extent of manor in Davy MSS folio 159

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £807 rental value
1891 £657 rateable value
1912 £433 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Rev. O. Shrubbs Reynolds, principle owner
1891 Mrs. Walford and Rev. C. Hume, principle owners
1912 R. Ellis Walford, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent recorded

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 yeoman
1550-1599 1 husbandman, 2 yeomen
1600-1649 5 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1650-1699 1 carpenter, 1 husbandman, 1 linen weaver
1831 19 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 1 professional, 12 in
domestic service, 1 other
1844 1 corn miller, 1 shopkeeper/wheelwright, 7 farmers

- 1912 1 teacher, 1 bricklayer, shopkeeper, 2 farmers, farm bailiff
19. Education:

Consolidated with Boulge

1833 1 daily school (14 attend)
National school built (1858) (also used by Boulge),
average attendance (1912) 58

20. Poor relief:

1776	£9. 1s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£20. 10s. 1d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£102. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£123. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£221. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£201. 2s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Consolidated with Boulge

Town Lands:

1840 4 tenements with gardens occupied at low rents (freely administered) by poor persons
26 acres 2R 21P let at £40. 5s. p.a. for repairs to cottages and church, 6d. a week teaching a few poor children to read, £6/7 p.a. to fuel and for urgent cases of distress

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Debach House: early 17th cent.
Moat House: façade (1813)

Archaeological Sites

Church of All Saints (CRN 3305)
Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 3306)
Med. pottery (CRN 3307)