

1. Parish: Pakefield

Meaning: Pacca's field

2. **Hundred:** Mutford (-1764), Mutford & Lothingland (1764-)

Deanery: Lothingland

Union: Mutford & Lothingland

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Mutford & Lothingland RD (1894-1934),
Lowestoft UD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Abolished as civil parish (1934), loses part to Lowestoft,
part to Carlton Colville and part to Gisleham
Mutford & Lothingland Petty Sessional Division
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 688 acres land, 21 acres foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Urbanized area

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage, seeds and carrots

6. **Enclosure:**

1799 343 acres enclosed in Gisleham and Pakefield under Private Act of Lands 1798

7. **Settlement:**

1974 Suburb of Lowestoft whilst remainder of parish in divided between Gisleham and Carlton Colville

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 53, 1801 – 56, 1851 – 151, 1871 – 191,

1901 – 324, 1951 – 1,367

8. Communications:

Rail: 1891 1 mile Lowestoft station: Norwich-Yarmouth-Lowestoft Line, opened (1844), still operative
Yarmouth-Lowestoft line opened (1903), close for good (1967)
Close for passenger (1970)
Ipswich-Lowestoft line, opened (1859), still operative

9. Population:

1086 — 7 ½ recorded
1327 — 32 taxpayers paid £2. 1s. 3d. (includes Kirkley)
1524 — 98 taxpayers paid £3. 18s. 4d.
1603 — 106 adults
1674 — 88 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 282 inhabitants
1831 — 472 inhabitants
1851 — 718 inhabitants
1871 — 875 inhabitants
1901 — 1,455 inhabitants
1931 — 1,774 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (2 medieties) (1831), Discharged Rectory (1891)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Not recorded
1535 Valued £14
Parsonages have 4 hearths and 3 hearths respectively (1674)
1831 Curate, stipend £82 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation, gross income £189 p.a. Incumbent also holds vicarage of Lowestoft
1844 Modus of £295 p.a. in lieu of tithes
1862 Rectory house built in Kirkley
1912 Nett value £143 p.a. 15 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: James Hubberd and Thomas Playters (1603), Trustees of B. Sparrow, Earl of Gosford and D. Turner (1831), Church Patronage Society (1891-)

11. Church All Saints and St. Margaret
(2 parishes till 1748 with 2 rectors)
(Chancel, 2 naves, S. porch, W. tower)

Norman ½ church + 16 ½ acres
Note: originally accommodated 2 separate congregation (-1748)

14th cent. Main structure
 18th cent. Solid wall which divided the church pierced by 7 arches
 1866 Restoration
 1941 Severely damaged by firebombs in the thatch roof
 1953 Ruinous
 circa 1960's Completely restored

Seats: 500 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1863 Friends Meeting House built

13. Manorial:

Pakefield Pyes/Drayton

Believed anciently (without dates) held successively by
 Sawale Frysth
 John Drayton
 John Pye
 1378 Hugh Fastolf owns (linked to Carlton Colville and Kirkley)
 1455 John Southwell owns
 1502 Edmund Jenny owns
 1534 Matthew Herman died seised
 1537 Arthur Russhe died seised (linked to Playford)
 16th cent. Henry Hobart owns (linked to Gisleham, Kessingland and
 Kirkley)
 1609 Samuel Proctor owns
 1798 Charles Garneys owns
 1855 George Ives owns
 1909 Trustees of Richard Henry Reeve (linked to Ashby,
 Belton, Blundeston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton,
 Flixton, Rushmere, Mutford, Lound, Gorleston, Kirkley
 and Gisleham)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £896 rental value
 1891 £2,670 rateable value
 1912 £4,189 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1912 LT. B. Gourley RN

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 cordwainer, 5 mariners
1550-1599 2 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 3 mariners
1600-1649 11 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 5 fishermen, 1 ships
carpenter, 1 baker, 1 carpenter, 1 tailor
1650-1699 1 farmer, 7 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 2 inn holders, 12
fishermen, 5 mariners, 1 spinster, 1 baker, 1 merchant, 1
clerk
1831 47 in agriculture, 27 in retail trade, 4 professionals, 41 in
labouring, 15 in domestic service, 7 others
1844 Includes Kirkley: Blacksmith, saw mills, 2 corn millers, 3
victuallers, keeper, of Pakefield lighthouses, joiner, 2
academies, 4 bakers, 3 beerhouse keeper,
boot/shoemaker, 4 bricklayers, butcher, 5 fish curers, 8
farmers, 4 shopkeepers, tailor
1912 Sub-postmaster, school master and mistress, 2 grocers, 6
shopkeeper, drapers, 3 beer retailers, 5 apartment
owners, 2 publicans, dressmaker, asst. overseer,
boot/shoe repairer, plumber, dairy farmer, farm bailiff,
steam drift company, joiner, wheelwright, boot repairer,
newsagent, farmer, bathing machine owner, mechanical
engineers, market gardener, hairdresser, baker, carter,
greengrocer

19. Education:

1818 1 boys day school (60 attend), 1 girls day school (40
attend)
1833 1 infants school (40 attend), 2 daily schools (52 attend), 2
Sunday schools (110 attend)
1844 Parish school built (1817)
Infants school (100 attend), 2 academies
Pakefield-Cunningham National schools built (1866) to
accommodate 500, average attendance (1912) 270

20. Poor relief:

1776	£98. 1s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£122. 5s. 11d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£281. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£272. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£220. 4s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£225. 11s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Land:

1840 site of 3 tenements let at ground rent of 2s. 6d. p.a. per property
1 acre 3R let at £1 p.a.
Approximately 1R let at peppercorn rent (1817) for schoolroom
Small parcels of land let at £3. 7s. p.a.
Rents applied to church repairs

Poors Allotment:

1840 Allotment of 15 acres let at £20. 5s. p.a. applied to supply of coals for poor

Sellings Doll:

1687 by will of Mary Selling: 20s. p.a. for distribution among poor

Dodd's Charity:

1814 by will of Mrs. Dodd. £5 interest p.a. distributed among 10 poor persons

22. Other institutions

1674 Almshouses, 20 inmates
1831 Lighthouse built, disused (1866), occasional summer residence (1891)
1844 Lifeboat stationed in parish, increased to 2 (1891), reduced back to one (1922), lifeboat house built (1892)
1868 Parochial library formed, geld at National school

23. Recreation:

1650-1699 2 inn holders
1844 The Mill, The Ship, The George and Dragon public houses, 3 beer houses
1891 6 beerhouses
1912 3 beer retailers, The Ship Inn and the Tramway public house
Bathing machines

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

70 acres of coastline washed away (1824-1844)

Ravine in cliff called 'Crazy Marys Hole' reputedly favourite spot for lovesick maidens

Stocks remains outside N.Gate to churchyard

'Pakefield and its church' by B.P.S. Hunt (1953)

'Pakefield: The Church and Village' (1938)

70 more acres washed away (1902) and by 1932 90 houses disappeared over the cliffs.

Houses, the Green, boating sheds, yawl sheds, the Cliff Hotel, the Ship Inn, The Lord Nelson, the Oddfellows Arms and the Fishermans Shelter all washed away (1916)

'Some Field names in parish of Pakefield' by J.L. Clemence. East Anglian New Series Vol.V p.220