

1. Parish: Rushmere

Meaning: Rushy enclosure or lake

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

Deanery: Lothingland

Union: Mutford & Lothingland

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Mutford & Lothinglad R.D. (1894-1934),
Lothingland R.D. (1934-1974), Waveney D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Mutford & Lothingland Petty Sessional Division
Lowestoft County Court District

3. **Area:** 761 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- b. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam, some slowly permeable with slight seasonal waterlogging, risk wind erosion
- c. Deep peat soils, part very acid, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 10 pigs
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 Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop
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, roots, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar Beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1974/77 Small well spaced ribbon type development close to southern boundary.
Church situated in isolated position with Rectory close to northern boundary.
Hundred river forms natural boundary to south. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 11, 1801 – 16, 1851 – 25,
1871 – 30, 1901 – 30, 1951 – 31,
1981 – 24

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Carlton Colville, Mutford, Henstead and Gisleham
1891 Carrier to Lowestoft daily

Rail: 1891 3½ miles Carlton Colville station: (Oulton Broad South):
Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859, station closed 1972

9. Population:

1086 – 8 recorded
1327 – 41 taxpayers paid £2 10s. 10d.
(includes Gisleham)
1524 – 13 taxpayers paid £1 8s. 10d.
1603 – 36 adults
1674 – 11 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 127 inhabitants
1831 – 114 inhabitants
1851 – 116 inhabitants
1871 – 136 inhabitants
1901 – 147 inhabitants
1931 – 140 inhabitants
1951 – 111 inhabitants
1971 – 68 inhabitants
1981 – 85 inhabitants

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

1254 Valued £6
1291 Valued £7 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £7 6s. 8d.

1831 Valued £7 8s. Incumbent also holds Mutford (1603)
 Curate stipend £50 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation,
 gross income £217 p.a.
 Tithes commuted for £212 1841
 Rectory house built 1845

1912 Nett value £136 p.a. 10 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Biskele (1328 and 1346), Alicia Welyngton (1330), Laurence Monk (1349), John Ulveston (1366), Stephen Bastwick (1402), Argentein family (1421), Aslack family (1435–46), Alington family (1450–66), John Sellyng (1467), Alington family (1471–79), Hubbard family (1516–54), Hobart family (1563–1663), T. Stampe (1714), R. Garneys (1742), R. Barker (1756), C. Garneys (1791), C. Gurney (1844), Lord Boston and Mrs. F.W. Ireby (1891)

11. Church **St. Michael (thatched)**
 (Chancel, nave, S. porch, round W. tower)

1086 4th part of church + 8 acres, valued 16d.
 Norman Possibly lower portion of tower
 c.1300 Bell openings
 14th cent. Main structure
 1643 Puritanical vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 10
 superstitious pictures, broke pot of Holy water and
 ordered steps leveled

1846 Restoration
 1938 Derelict

Seats: 96 (1912)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Aelfric, a free man of Gyrrhs
 1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Earl Hugh
 1263 Thomas de Latimer owns
 1846 Samuel Morton Peto owns (linked to Ashby, Belton,
 Blunderston, Bradwell, Carlton Colville, Corton, Flixton,
 Somerleyton, Mutford, Lound and Gorleston)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £872 rental value
 1891 £899 rateable value
 1912 £733 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 William Tallent, principal owner
1891/1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 yeoman
1550–1599 8 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 twill weaver
1600–1649 15 yeomen, 4 husbandmen, 1 labourer
1650–1699 1 mariner, 8 yeomen, 3 clerks, 3 husbandmen, 1 thatcher
1831 27 in agriculture, 7 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 4 in domestic service, 1 other
1844 Victualler, grocer/drapery, boot/shoemaker, butcher, 2 farmers, blacksmith
1912 4 farmers, shopkeeper

19. Education:

1818 Dames school
1912 Children attend school at Mutford

20. Poor relief:

1776 £4 7s. 5d.
1803 £20 19s. 8d.
1818 £43 3s.
1830 £48 2s.
1832 £55 7s.
1834 £53 10s.

21. Charities:

Poors Land:

1840 20P at Hannah's Green let at 12s. p.a. for poor relief

Branden's Gift:

1599 by will of Henry Branden: 3R + tenement let at 17s p.a. 8s. 6d. distributed among poor of Henstead, 6s. 8d. distributed among poor of Rushmere and 1s. 10d. to repairs to Henstead church

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844 The Tuns public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Rushmere Hall: c.17th cent. situated south of village, reduced to farmhouse 1846.