

# 1. Parish: Badingham

**Meaning:** The meadow/enclosure of Beada's people

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

**Deanery:** Hoxne (-1914), Loes (1914-)

**Union:** Hoxne (1835-1907), Hartismere (1907-1930)

**RDC/UDC:** (E.Suffolk) Hoxne RD (1894-1934), Blyth RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division

Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 3,209 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk of water erosion
  - b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clays and fine loam over clay soils, some calcareous

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 100 pigs, 21 acres meadow, 15 cattle, 32 pigs, 20 sheep, 60 goats, 1 beehive
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
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies, usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, turnips, some pasture
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1983 Roman Road crosses parish from NE-SW

Small ribbon type development. Church situated to the north. Small dispersed area of settlement found scattered over parish such as at Pound Corner and Pound Green Road.

Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 51, 1801 – 70, 1851 – 168, 1871 – 152,  
1901 – 143, 1951 – 137, 1981 – 133

**8. Communications:**

Road: To Dennington, Framlingham, Cransford, Peasenhall and Laxfield

Rail: 1891 4 miles Framlingham Station: Wickham Market–  
Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers  
1952, closed for goods 1965

Water: River Alde

**9. Population:**

1086 – 60 recorded (includes Domesday vill of Colston)

1327 – 32 taxpayers paid £3 19s. 2¾d.

1524 – 39 taxpayers paid £9 8s. 4d.

1603 – 183 adults

1674 – 65 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 607 inhabitants

1831 – 866 inhabitants

1851 – 794 inhabitants

1871 – 707 inhabitants

1901 – 558 inhabitants

1931 – 490 inhabitants

1951 – 454 inhabitants

1971 – 390 inhabitants

1981 – 377 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £16 13s. 4d.

1291 Valued £17 6s. 8d.

Portion of St. Faiths £1

Portion of Eye £2. 13s. 4d. £21 0s. 0d

1535 Valued £22 16s. 8d.

1674 Parsonage has 8 hearths

1831 Curate, stipend £122 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income  
£602 p.a.

Incumbent also holds vicarage of Martham, Norfolk

1835 Valued £582

1844 Commodious rectory house, improved 1839

1891 Tithes commuted for £883 p.a. 30 acres glebe  
1912 Nett value £580 p.a. 29 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Reignould Rous (1613), Robert Gorton(1831), Rev. J.R.T.  
Henwood (1912)

**11. Church** **St. John Baptist**  
(chancel, vestry, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 60 acres, 1 plough  
Norman Nook-shafts in nave and tower arch  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure including nave  
1482 Porch built  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> cent. Window insertions  
1644 Puritanical vandals (William Dowsing) ordered  
steps to be leveled and the removal of 16  
superstitious cherubim  
1879/1890 Restorations, chancel rebuilt 1879, tower and  
porch restored 1890  
Note: Nave floor rise 25" from W-E

**Seats:** 350 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1597 2 persons have not attended church or not received  
communion for 2 years  
1836 Primitive Methodist chapel built, seats 50  
c.1912 Congregational chapel built

**13. Manorial:**

1066 Manor of 9 carucates held by Edric  
1086 Manor of 9 carucates held by Robert Malet

**Badingham Hall/Carbonel**

1314 William de Bovile owns (linked to Wilby and Southolt)  
1347 Sir John de Ufford owns  
c.1397 Sir Robert Carbonel owns (linked to Laxfield and Creeting  
St. Peter)  
c.1431 Robert Lyston owns, on whose death in 1478 the manor  
was divided into five parts  
1556 Re-amalgamated under Anthony Rous (linked to  
Bedfield, Brundish, Dennington, Fressingfield, Monk  
Soham, Southolt and Clopton)  
c.1617 Myles Mayhew owns  
c.1720 Francis Barker owns  
c.1820 Robert Sayer owns  
1909 Rev. J.M. Brooke owns (linked to Southolt)

### **Okenhill Hall/Saxhams**

12 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Roger Gulafre owns
1258	William le Breton owns (linked tom Harkstead)
1311	Richard de Amoundeville owns, held of the Honor of Eye (linked to Stowmarket)
1381	William de Ufford owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1415	Michael de la Pole owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1464	Sir John Falstoff owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1531	Edward Rous owns (linked to Middleton and Hitcham)
c.1627	John Cornwallis owns
c.1743	Richard Porter
1781	John Baldry owns
1855	James Gower owns
1909	Trustees of Mrs. Collins owns

### **Colston Hall**

13 <sup>th</sup> cent.	William de Hardighteshall owns
c.1539	Sir Anthony Wingfield owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
c.1596	Arthur/Anthony Penning owns (linked to Lt. Livermere)
1635	Forfeited for recusancy
1654	Lawrence Rous owns
1701	Thomas Blosse owns
1720	Francis Barker owns (absorbed by main manor)
1754	Mileson Edgar owns (linked to Witnessham and Wickhambrook)
1770	Thomas Staunton owns (linked to Harkstead)
1791	John Clayton owns
1819	Robert Howlett owns
1839	Robert Sayer owns (re-absorbed by main manor)

#### **14. Markets/Fairs**

#### **15. Real property:**

1844	£5,252 rental value
1891	£4,088 rateable value
1912	£2,615 rateable value

#### **16. Land ownership:**

1844	In large part the land is freehold
1891/1912	Land sub-divided

#### **17. Resident gentry:**

1679 Walgrave Alexander and Robert Butts  
 1844 Rev. Robert Gorton  
 1891 Rev. R.G. Gorton MA, JP

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1549 1 carpenter  
 1550–1599 5 yeomen, 2 blacksmiths, 2 husbandmen, 1 servant, 1 carpenter, 1 glazier  
 1600–1649 13 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 glover, 1 spinster, 2 weavers, 1 cooper  
 1650–1699 9 yeomen, 1 joiner, 1 husbandmen, 1 spinster, 1 labourer, 1 linen weaver, 1 cordwainer, 1 butcher  
 1831 163 in agriculture, 25 in retail trade, 1 professional, 2 in labouring, 39 in domestic service, 5 others  
 1844 Victualler, tailor, 2 beerhouse keepers, 2 shoemakers, wheelwright, 2 bricklayers, 2 carpenters, plumber/glazier/grocer, wheelwright/machine-maker, grocer, miller, grocer/victualler, schoolmaster/grocer, blacksmith, grocer/blacksmith, 27 farmers, miller  
 1912 Sub-postmaster, school teacher, bricklayer, 23 farmers, wheelwright, carpenter, grocer, poultry farmer, miller, grocer, 2 blacksmiths, 2 publicans, cattle dealer, butcher, corn/flour merchant, brick and tile maker, shopkeeper, miller

**19. Education:**

1818 1 boys school (30 attend), 1 girls school (20 attend)  
 1833 4 daily schools (51 attend), 1 Sunday school established 1832 (100 attend)  
 1844 Schoolmaster listed  
 1875 School rebuilt  
 1891 98 attend  
 1912 Average attendance 90

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £114 17s. 3d.  
 1803 £352 19s. 3d.  
 1818 £1,761 1s.  
 1830 £1,171 19s.  
 1832 £1,233 3s.  
 1834 £1,654 3s.

**21. Charities:**

**Rous's Gift:**

1715 by will of Elizabeth Rous: £52 applied to delivery of 6d. loaves to church for the poor on Sunday

- 1735 by will of Dorothy Rous: £150 for purchase of land, the proceeds from which applied to the distribution of clothing among the poor of the parish
- 1840 These two benefactions are valued £24 p.a.

**Holland Benefaction:**

- 1801 £10 towards purchase of house to accommodate the poor
- 1888 House sold and money distributed among poor

**22. Other institutions:**

- 1891 Police officer listed

**23. Recreation:**

- 1844 The Bowling Green and The White Horse public houses  
2 beerhouses
- 1891/1912 The Bowling Green and The White Horse public houses

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Okenhill Hall: 1552 stepped gable and polygonal angle buttresses with finials.

Manuscript map 1614 in existence which shows field names, reconstruction can be found in 'A History of Suffolk', by D. Dymond and P. Northeast, p.84.

'The Rectory of Badingham, Suffolk 1575 and 1631', by J.J. Raven. East Anglian Notes and Queries (New Series) Vol. VII, p.321.

£20 bequeathed towards erection of cross at Colston Cross 1523.

'Carving on the porch at Badingham Church'. PSIA Vol. 32, p.88-90.