

1. Parish: Bruisyard

Meaning: Farmers yard or Bowers/Bures yard (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Plomesgate

Deanery: Orford (- 1914), Saxmundham (1914 -)

Union: Plomesgate

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate 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: 1,138 acres (including wood of 140 acres) (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
b) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clay and fine loam over clay. Some calcareous clay soils

5. Types of farming:

1086		12½ acres meadow, wood for 60 pigs, 2 cobs, 17 cattle, 35 pigs, 30 sheep, 27 goats
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, roots, barley, hay
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1983 River Alde forms natural boundary to south for most of its length. Small dispersed settlement. Church situated close

to river and Home Farm. Bruisyard wood occupies large area in northern sector. Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 30, 1801 – 33, 1851 – 63, 1871 – 67, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 53, 1981 – 43

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Peasenhall, Rendham, Swefling and Cransford
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich irregularly
Woodbridge on Saturday
Aldeburgh on Thursday

Rail: 1891 4 miles Saxmundham station: Saxmundham – Leiston –
Aldeburgh line, opened (1859), line to Aldeburgh closed
for goods (1959), closed for passengers (1966), spur
from Saxmundham – Leiston still operational
Ipswich – Lowestoft line opened (1859), stillm
operational
1912 4 miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market –
Framlingham line, opened (1859), closed for
passengers (1952), closed for goods (1965)

Water: River Alde: navigable to Snape Bridge

9. Population:

1086 — 25 recorded
1327 — 46 taxpayers paid £3. 4s. 6d. (includes Rendham)
1524 — 24 taxpayers paid £5. 7s. 10d.
1603 — 90 adults
1674 — 32 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 255 inhabitants
1831 — 292 inhabitants
1851 — 258 inhabitants
1871 — 261 inhabitants
1901 — 220 inhabitants
1931 — 181 inhabitants
1951 — 184 inhabitants
1971 — 107 inhabitants
1981 — 124 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831), Vicarage (1912)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
To vicar in same £4. 6s. 8d. £11. 0s. 0d.
1535 Not recorded
1831 No glee house. Gross income £39 p.a. Incumbent also
holds vicarage of Bramfield
1844 Valued £39 p.a. Modus of £92 in lieu of tithes
1891 Valued £70. Incumbent also holds Swefling

1912 Nett value £60. Incumbent resides in Sweffling

Patrons: Earl of Stradbroke (1831)

11. Church St. Peter
(Chancel with S. chapel (vestry), nave, S. porch, round W. tower)

Norman Tower, N. door of nave

12th cent. S. doorway

16th cent. Early 16th cent. Windows in nave and S. chapel

Seats: 115 (1915)

Other religious institutions:

College and Nunnery

College: Originated at Campsey Ash. Removed to Bruisyard (1354) by Maud, Countess of Ulster
Chapel dedicated to THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY of the NUNS MINORESSES OF THE ORDER OF ST. CLARE

Nunnery: Established (1366) on same site as College, founded by Lionel, Duke of Clarence

1534 Valued £56. 2s. 1d.

Dissolved (1539) and granted to Nicholas Hare
Traces remain near manor house

'Monastery of Bruisyard' by Rev. F. Haslewood. PSIA Vol. VII p.320 reproduced inventory of goods belonging to the Monastery (1536). Original held at PRO

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 6 persons do not receive communion

1 person officiated at burial without authority

1603 5 recusants

1606 3 popish recusants

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 85 acres held by Ulf

1086 Manor of 85 acres belonging to Count Alan

1066 Manor of 91 acres held by Edric, a free man

1086 Manor of 91 acres belonging to Count Alan

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Starling, a free man under patronage

1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Count Alan

1066	Manor fo 80 acres held by Wulfric under patronage of Harold
1086	Manor of 80 acres belonging to Roger Bigot
1066	Manor of 30 acres held by Brictrmer, a free man under patronage of Edric
1086	Manor to 30 acres belonging to Roger Bigot

Bruisyard/Roke Hall:

13 th cent.	Henry Hoe owns
1307	John de Bursyard owns
1352	John de Ufford owns (linked to Gt. Glemham and Badingham)
Circa 1353	Given to Campsey Ash College on its removal to Bruisyard
1386	Consisted of 7 messuages, 1 mill, 160 acres land, 60 acres water, 10 acres pasture, 20 acres wood and 3s. rent
1539	Sir Nicholas Hare owns (linked to Winston)
1652	Sir John Rous owns (linked to Dunwich)
1909	Earl of Stradbroke owns (linked to Dennington and Tonnington)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,266 rental value
1891	£1,220 rateable value
1912	£792 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Earl of Stradbroke, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 yeoman, 4 husbandmen, 1 glover, 1 blacksmith, 1 carpenter, 1 labourer
1600–1649	1 yeoman, 3 husbandmen, 1 surgeon, 1 linen weaver, 1 carpenter
1650–1699	6 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 linen weaver, 1 labourer
1831	65 in agriculture, 9 in retail trade, 13 in domestic service, 4 others
1844	3 shoemakers, 2 shopkeepers, victualler/butcher, chimney sweep/shopkeeper, corn miller, hurdle maker, 7 farmers

1912 Sub-postmaster, 6 farmers, publican, market gardener, corn/flour dealer, farm bailiff, wood hoop/hurdle maker/timber merchant, grocer

19. Education:

1818 1 day school (14 attend)
1833 1 daily school (20 attend)
1891/1912 Children attend school in Cransford and Rendham

20. Poor relief:

1776	£66. 6s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£137. 17s. 4½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£373. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£333. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£391. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£279. 19s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly Society (27 members)

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 THE BUTHCERS ARMS public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Roke Hall: (16th cent.) contains remains of chantry college in W. wall of house, S. façade and W. range. House dates (1610). Partially destroyed. Moated on 3 sides. Large area of water exists to the rear of the property.

'Bruisyard Hall' by E.F. Botesdale. East Anglian Miscellany (1916) p.23

Parish registers book destroyed in fire at curates house (1596)

Bridge: note in parish registers refers to foot bridge over the river at the Graunge being "utterly decayed". Replaced by oak tree laid across river (1633). East Anglian Miscellany (1931) p.16

Post mill in existence (1790), sold (1805)

Archaeological sites:

Med. Moated site (nunnery) (CRN 2062)

Stray finds: Neo. Worked flint (CRN 2063)