

1. Parish: Brundish

Meaning: Enclosed pasture/park on the stream (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Hoxne

Deanery: Hoxne

Union: Hoxne (1835 – 1907), Hartismere (1907 – 1930)

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Wilby with Brundish
Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. Area: 2,120 acres land, 6 acres water (1912)

4. Soils:

Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. Types of farming:

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, clover

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Three small areas of settlement; a) Brundish Street, b) Crown Corner (smithy and public house), c) Brundish (Church)
River Alde meanders its way across parish

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 35, 1801 – 43, 1851 – 103, 1871 – 95,
1901 – 69, 1951 – 68, 1981 – 59

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Wilby, Tannington, Dennington and Laxfield
Rail: 1891 5 miles Framlingham station: Wickham Market –
Framlingham line, opened (1859), closed for
passengers (1952), closed for goods (1965)
Water: River Alde

9. Population:

1086 — Not recorded
1327 — 43 taxpayers paid £3. 5s. 6d. (includes Tannington)
1524 — 25 taxpayers paid £5. 3s.
1603 — 196 adults (includes Tannington)
1674 — 35 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 330 inhabitants
1831 — 478 inhabitants
1851 — 510 inhabitants
1871 — 426 inhabitants
1901 — 326 inhabitants
1931 — 219 inhabitants
1951 — 221 inhabitants
1971 — 178 inhabitants
1981 — 170 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Curacy (1831), Vicarage/Chapelry (1912)
(Chapelry attached to Tannington (1951))**

1254 Valued with Tannington at £22. 13s. 4d.
1291 Not recorded
1535 Valued with Tannington at £22. 16s. 4d.
1644 Vicar has two livings
1831 Curate, stipend £95 p.a. Glebe house. Joint gross income
£197
1844 Great tithes commuted for £470, vicarial tithes for £150
p.a. 9 acres 19P glebe
1891 10 acres 2R 36P glebe
1912 Joint nett value £134 p.a. 40 acres glebe. Incumbent
resides in Tannington.
1951 Amalgamated with Wilby

Patrons: Bishop of Rochester (1831), Bishop of Norwich (1891 -)

**11. Church St. Lawrence
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)**

Norman/12th Square W. tower, arch into nave

14/15th cent. Main structure including nave and chancel
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed
miscellaneous pictures

Seats: 300 (1915)

Other religious institutions:

Chantry

Founded (1383/84) by Sir John Payshall for 6 chaplains to pray for soul
of Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk.
Valued £13. 0s. 7½d. (1535)
Chantry Farm situated on site

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Brundish with Firnhall

1221 Alicia de Brewes owns
Circa 1275 Thomas le Parker owns
1322 Roger de Loudham owns (linked to Gunton)
1441 Sir William Phelip, Lord Bardolf died seised (linked to
Dennington and Wilby)
1465 Sir Robert Willoughby died seised (linked to numerous
manors throughout Suffolk)
Circa 1537 Sir Richard Wingfield owns
Circa 1545 Anthony Rous owns (linked to Badingham, Bedfield,
Dennington, Fressingfield, Monk Soham, Southolt and
Clopton)

Sub-Manors:

Rodestrate/The Chantry/Pieshall's/Pyeshall

1275 James de Bedingfield owns
1385 Given to John de Pyeshall as an endowment for a chantry
(foundation charter 1385)
1545 Richard Fulmerston owns, since held under lease from
the Crown

St. Edmund's House

1552 Robert Rysce owns
1555 - Held under lease from the Crown

Rounton's

1287 Walter de Rungeton owns
15th cent. Henry Rous owns
Circa 1541 Henry Everard owns
1813 William Rabett owns

Wilbies

1552 Robert Kynge owns (linked to Culpho and Tuddenham)
1629 City of London owns – grant of manor in fee farm

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £2,593 rental value
1891 £2,702 rateable value
1912 £1,673 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1844 John N. Gooch and Charles Cheston
1891 R. Garrard JP

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 husbandman, 5 yeomen, 1 labourer
1600–1649 2 husbandmen, 5 yeomen, 1 carpenter
1650–1699 5 yeomen, 1 clerk
1831 83 in agriculture, 12 in retail trade, 28 in domestic service,
2 others
1844 Registrar, wheelwright, carpenter/grocer, cooper,
miller/grocer, 2 blacksmiths, carpenter, victualler, corn
miller, 13 farmers
1912 Sub-postmaster, school teacher, publican/wheelwright, 2
millers, 18 farmers, blacksmith, bootmaker, bricklayer

19. Education:

1818 Children attend Sunday school in Tannington
1833 1 daily school established (1832) (24 attend)
1 Sunday school (55 attend)
School Board established (1873)
School mistress recorded (1891)
Public Elementary school opened (1875), average
attendance (1912) 71

20. Poor relief:

1776	£78. 16s. 8d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£289. 6s. 7¼d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£580. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£602. 5s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£711. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£587. 16s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate:

1840 Poor house
4 acres land let at £6 p.a. applied to church repairs

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 THE CROWN public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Manor House: built (circa 1500) consists of 2 buildings meeting at corner. Thatched. Original mullioned windows
On borders with Dennington is large moat called Runtons Moat.
Reputedly the site of mansion/manor house (Rountons) said to have burnt down together with court books. Since then all lands in Brundish and Tannington have been free
Transcript of 'The Foundation Deed of Brundish Chantry' from 16th cent. Copy of original (1385). East Anglian Notes and Queries (New Series) Vol. IX p.33 (in Latin)
'Monumental Inscriptions at Brundish' (no date)

Archaeological sites:

Med. Moated sites (CRN 3122, 3123, 3124, 3125, 3126, 3127, 3128, 3129)
Med. Toft (CRN 3130)
Ring ditch (CRN 3132)
Square Enclosure (CRN 3133)
Stray finds: Mes. Axe (CRN 3131)
Neo. Axe (CRN 3137)
Scatter finds: Rom. Pottery (CRN 3134, 3136)
Med. Pottery (CRN 3135)