

1. Parish: Falkenham

Meaning: Falta's enclosure (derivative of falzen – to forge) (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Colneis

Deanery: Colneys

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894-1934), Deben RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge County Court District and Petty Sessional Division

3. Area: 1,739 acres land, 12 acres of water, 87 acres of water (tidal) and 66 acres of foreshore (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a) Deep, well drained sandy soils. Risk wind erosion.
- b) Deep well drained coarse loams (often stoneless), some sandy loams. Risk water erosion
- c) Deep stoneless calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risks flooding near River Deben.

5. Types of farming:

1086		5 acres meadow, 4 cobs, 140 sheep, 10 pigs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Light lands, sheep/corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley being main cash crop.
	Young:	“Their culture of carrots, their breed of horses is nowhere else to be seen” (1813)
1818	Marshall:	Area known as the Sandlings where the cultivation of carrots in undertaken.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, roots
1969	Trist:	The sand is ideal for carrot production which was resumed in post war period, now mainly produced for canning. Other crops are turnip and kale seed.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958/73 small well spaced settlement based on three centres: a) Hall and church; b) Falkenham Sink; and C) Lower Falkenham. River Deben forms east boundary and marsh land to the east restricts development. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 17, 1801 – 27, 1851 – 60, 1871 – 58, 1901 – 60, 1951 – 61, 1981 – 58

8. Communications:

Road: To Kirton.
1891/1912 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Rail: 1912 4 miles Felixstowe station, opened (1877), new station built (1898).
Water: River Deben (navigable).

9. Population:

1086 — 37½ recorded
1327 — 76 (includes Kirton, Bucklesham and Hemley) taxpayers paid £5. 15s. 5d.
1524 — 38 taxpayers paid £4. 16s. 10d.
1603 — 64 adults
1674 — 24 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 210 inhabitants
1831 — 297 inhabitants
1851 — 271 inhabitants
1871 — 272 inhabitants
1901 — 244 inhabitants
1931 — 216 inhabitants
1951 — 158 inhabitants
1971 — 145 inhabitants
1981 — 161 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (1831) Discharged Vicarage (1891)

1254 Valued £10
1291 Valued £8
1535 Valued £7. 11s.
1831 No glebe house. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Kirton.
1844 Valued £300 p.a. Endowed with all rectorial tithes except barley (1831) which were appropriated to Priory of Dodnash (no date)

1891 Tithes commuted for £377. 22 acres glebe. Good residence.

Patrons:

Crown (1603/1831), Lord Chancellor (1891)

11. Church St. Ethelbert
(apsidal chancel, nave, vestry, west tower)

14/15th cent. Main structure includes tower
1806 Nave refaced with brick

Seats: 140

12. Nonconformity etc:

No date Independent chapel
1843/45 2 houses set aside for worship
1883 Congregational chapel (built 1836). Seats 300

13. Manorial:

Falkenham/Falkenham Dodnash

1066 Manor of one carucate held by Edric under patronage of Norman
1086 Manor of one carucate belonging to Roger Bigot
Anciently vested in Priory of Dodnash
1525 Granted to Cardinal Wolsey for endowment of College in Ipswich
1531 Linked to Sutton (Thomas Alverde, d. 1534)
1544 Linked to Felixstowe, Kirton, Hollesley, Santon Downham and Elveden (Dukes of Norfolk)
17th cent. Uriah Babington owns
1764 Jonathon Barwood owns
1842 Linked to Ixworth Abbey (Richard N. Cartwright)

Sub-Manors:

Russell's

1066 Manor of 26 acres held by Brictrmer
1086 Manor of 26 acres belonging to Ranaulf brother of Ilger
11/12th cent. Linked to Braiseworth, Cotton (Sir Robert Sackville) of Honor of Eye.
15th cent. John Russell of Chelsford owns
16th cent. Linked to Shottisham (William Waller)
1597 Linked to Kirton, Trimley St. Martin and Trimley St. Mary (Robert Barker).

1607 Extent of manor in British Museum
 19th cent. Linked to Levington and Bacton (Col. George Tomline)
 1909 Linked to Bucklesham, Kirton, Levington, Trimley St.
 Martin, Stratton Hall and Walton (E.G. Pretyma) and
 Nacton (Orwell Park)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £2,697 rental value
 1891 £2,492 rateable value
 1912 £1,867 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
 1912 E.G. Pretyma (Orwell park) and Ipswich Charity
 Trustees and small freeholders

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 yeoman, 1 mariner
 1550-1599 7 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 labourer
 1600–1649 12 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 linen weaver
 1650–1699 3 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 blacksmith, 1 collarmaker
 1831 63 in agriculture, 12 in retail/handicrafts, 14 in domestic
 service.
 1844 Victualler, blacksmith, schoolmistress, 2 shopkeepers, 2
 joiners, 2 farmers, corn miller
 1912 Sub-postmaster, publican, 5 farmers, 2 shopkeepers,
 carrier, wheelwright

19. Education:

1833 1 daily school (10 attend)
 1844 1 schoolmistress listed
 1891 School, built (1871) adjoins Independent chapel
 1912 Children attend school in Trimley

20. Poor relief:

1776	£76. 1s. 10d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£157. 3s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£537. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£445. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£399. 12s.	spent on poor relief

1834 £578. 10s. spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Poors Land:

1625 3 cottages, garden and 4 acres 1R let at £15. 6s. p.a.
distributed to poor

Mrs. Roddams Gift:

1912 Gift of £300 invested. £10. 12s. p.a. distributed in
blankets and coals at Christmas

Kidds Charity:

1840 £2. 11s. p.a. distributed to widows.

22. Other institutions:

1462 Guild of St. Mary Magdalene
20th cent. Unionists and Constitutionalists Association

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Dog public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

'The Felixstowe Story' by A. Jobson (1968) p.160

'The Dog' public house has associations with smuggling. Has also
acted as village hall and venue for vestry meetings and
inquests.

Post Mill dismantled (1918).

Water trade conducted from Falkenham Creek.

Archaeological Sites

Ring ditches (no Computer Record Number)

Ring ditches (CRN 3437, 3458, 4281, 4282)

Rectangular enclosure (CRN 3448)

Field system (CRN 3451)

Scatter finds: Un. Scrapers, pottery and bone (no CRN)

Rom. Metalwork (CRN 1209)