

1. Parish: Knodishall

Meaning: Cnott's remote valley

2. **Hundred:** Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (1721-1868), Dunwich (South) (1868-1914), Saxmundham (1914-)

Union: Blything

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

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change (1883)
Abolished as civil parish to create Knodishall with Buxlow (1721)
Blything Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,850 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Deep well drained sand and coarse loam soils, some coarse and fine loam with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging
b) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clay and fine loam over clay soils, some calcareous

5. **Types of farming:**

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig-keeping
1818	Marshall:	Wide variation of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley, roots, some pasture
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1977 Hundred River crosses parish N-S. Knodishall parish consists only of the Hall, Church and Knodishall Place. Main settlement situated at Coldfair Green, adjacent to Knodishall Common. School situated equidistant between the two settlements. Railyway crosses extreme northern sector from W-E. Remains of church exists at uninhabited Knodishall Green (formerly Buxlow parish)
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 23, 1801 – 39 1851 – 92, 1871 – 99,
1901 – 102, 1951 – 170, 1981 – 179

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Kelsale, Saxmundham, Friston, Aldringham and Leiston
Rail: 1891 1 ½ miles Leiston station: Saxmundham-Leiston Aldburgh line, opened (1859), spur from Saxmundham to Leiston still operational carrying heavy goods for Sizewell power station.
Water: Hundred River

9. Population:

1086 — 5 recorded
1327 — Not recorded
1524 — 15 taxpayers paid 15s. 2d. (includes Buxlowe)
1603 — 74 adults (includes Buxlowe)
1674 — 26 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 286 inhabitants
1831 — 315 inhabitants
1851 — 432 inhabitants
1871 — 442 inhabitants
1901 — 479 inhabitants
1931 — 469 inhabitants
1951 — 541 inhabitants
1971 — 456 inhabitants
1981 — 515 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (with Buxlow)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £11
1603 Buxlowe valued £4. 16s.
 Knodishall valued £6. 13s. 4d.

1650 Knodishall valued £55
Consolidated with Buxlow (1722)
1831 1 curate, stipend £63. Glebe house unfit for occupation.
Gross income £350 p.a.
1844 13 acres glebe
1891 Rent-charge £491 p.a. in lieu of tithes. 17 acres glebe
1912 Nett value £257 p.a. 16 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: T. Ayton (1603), Mrs. Whitaker (1844), Miss Daubeney (1915)

11. Church St. Lawrence
(Chancel, nave, vestry, W. tower)

Norman Fragments in N. wall, N. doorway
1320 Chancel rebuilt
15th cent. Tower
1843 North side of church

Seats: 175 (1915)

Buxlow (Knodishall Green) St. Peter

1650 Buxlow church decayed and ruined tyme out of mind
Last presentation (1622)
2 pieces of walling of the round tower survive in cottage
garden (1974)

Church Mission Room

1896 Built at Coldfair Green

Seats: 300

12. Nonconformity etc:

1853 Primitive Methodist chapel built at Coldfair Green

13. Manorial:

Anciently held by the Jenney family (linked to Bredfield,
Debach and Chelsworth) who held the manor till
circa 1765 Sold to Edward Vernon (linked to Levington)
1825 John Ayton owns (linked to Mendham)
1842 Thomas Mayhew owns (linked to Laxfield)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,516 rental value

1891 Not recorded
1912 £1,902 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 Lord Huntingfield and Commander F.C.W. Vernon-Wentworth RN principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1844 Rev. G.A. Whitaker MA
1891 Rev. J.B. Wrenford MA
1912 Rev. G.W. Danberry MA

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 husbandman, 1 priest
1550-1599 1 husbandman, 1 labourer
1600-1649 1 yeoman, 1 spinster
1650-1699 1 husbandman, 3 yeoman, 1 thatcher
1831 76 agriculture, 12 in retail trade, 10 in domestic service, 1 other
1844 Victualler/butcher, corn miller, flour/corn dealer, 8 farmers
1912 1 Sub-postmaster, school teacher, publican, 6 farmers, 2 pork butchers, poulterer, joiner, baker/grocer, asst. overseer, wheelwright, vermin destroyer

19. Education:

1818 2 dames schools (47 attend)
1833 1 small daily school (12-16 attend)
1877 National school built, opened (1780), 70 attend (1891), average attendance (1912) 90.

20. Poor relief:

1776	£40. 12s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£80. 6s. 7 ¼ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£186. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£362	spent on poor relief
1832	£486. 14s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£433	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Butcher's Arms (Coldfair Green)

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Knodishall Hall: ancient residence of Jenney family, burned down (circa 1860), rebuilt and used as farmhouse (1909)

Parish includes former parish of Buxlow and hamlet of Coldfair Green

Red House farmhouse: dates 1678), built on Elizabethan 'E' pan

Published parish registers 1566-1705

Archaeological Sites:

Church (ruined) of St. Peter (CRN 2323)

Barrow/pottery (CRN 2325)

Med. earthworks (CRN 1262)

Stray finds: B.A. axe (CRN 2324)
 Neo. axe (CRN 2327)
 Rom. brooch (CRN 2328)
 PMed. coin (CRN 2329)

Scatter finds: Rom. pottery (CRN 2326)