

1. Parish: Denham (St. John)

Meaning: Meadow/enclosure in a valley (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

Deanery: Hoxne

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

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

Other administrative details:

Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Eye County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,282 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- b) Deep well drained fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay and fine loam soils, some calcareous clay subsoils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		6 acres meadow, wood for 43 pigs, 2 cattle, 10 pigs, 30 sheep, 20 goats
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs 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, flax
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 Small well spaced development which follows the line of eastern boundary from Denham to Denham Green. Church situated in isolated position close to Church Wood. Secondary settlement at Denham Corner and Denham Street (which follows line of western boundary). Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 20, 1801 – 29, 1851 – 66, 1871 – 61, 1901 – 52, 1951 – 59, 1981 – 56

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Eye, Hoxne, Redlingfield and Horham

Rail: 1891 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles Eye Station: Mellis – Eye line, opened (1865), closed for passengers (1931), closed for goods (1964)

9. Population:

1086 — 33 recorded
1327 — 123 taxpayers paid £8. 6s. 1d. (includes Hoxne)
1524 — 14 taxpayers paid £1. 1s. 6d.
1603 — 61 adults
1674 — 26 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 219 inhabitants
1831 — 276 inhabitants
1851 — 318 inhabitants
1871 — 259 inhabitants
1901 — 192 inhabitants
1931 — 170 inhabitants
1951 — 200 inhabitants
1971 — 158 inhabitants
1981 — 146 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (with Hoxne) (1831)

1254 Valued £8
1291 Valued £8. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £5. 0s. 10d.
1831 Curate, stipend £50 p.a. No glebe house. Joint gross income £480. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Lt. Cheney, Dorset.
Joint value £450 (1835)
1844 Neat residence near to church
1891 Valued £126 p.a. 24 acres glebe
Separated from Hoxne (circa 1891)
1912 Nett value £85 p.a. 24 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Lady Southwell (1603), Sir E. Kerrison (1831), Lady Bateman (1891)

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

1086 Church + 12 acres land
14th cent. Chancel and priests doorway
15th cent. Nave
1873 Restoration
1974 N. chapel and tower no longer exist although tower foundations remain

Seats: 120 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Denham Manor

1245 Thomas de Multon owns (linked to Hawkedon)
1275 Alan Musard owns
1304 Robert de Denham owns
1428 William Harleston owns
1481 John Sulyard owns (linked to Wilby)
1496 Sir Edmund Bedingfield died seised. Held as of the Honor of Eye (linked to Fressingfield, Knettishall, Kedington, Martlesham, Laxfield and Grundisburgh)
1764 Charles, Lord Viscount Maynard owns
1818 Matthias Kerrison owns (linked to Hoxne, Wingfield, Braiseworth, Brome, Eye, Yaxley and Thelnetham)
1909 Lady Bateman owns (linked to Horham, Hoxne, Stradbroke, Wingfield and Thelnetham)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,682 rental value
1891 £1,512 rateable value
1912 £1,086 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir E. Kerrison, principle owner, 200 acres owned by Mssrs. Hazard and Howlett

1891 William F.G. Farmer, sole owner
1912 Dowager Lady Bateman, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gent

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 clerk, 3 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 1 sewingman, 2 husbandmen
1600–1649 3 yeomen
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1831 61 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 10 in domestic service, 2 others
1844 2 beerhouse keepers, corn miller, blacksmith, wheelwright, 13 farmers
1912 Sub-postmistress, school teacher, 11 farmers, blacksmith, publican, wheelwright, grocer

19. Education:

1833 Some children attend Sunday school at Hoxne
1891 National School (40 attend), average attendance (1912) 23

20. Poor relief:

1776	£117. 2s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£107. 10s. 4½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£365. 19s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£358. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£324. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£236. 4s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

White's Gift:

1912 2 small houses given by Henry White of Sydenham for the aged poor

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844 2 beerhouses
1891/1912 THE GREEN MAN public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Parish reputedly anciently held college for training of monks (no dates) associated with Hoxne Abbey. No further information found.

17th cent. survey of Denham Hall: Rents and royalties £18. 19s. 6d. p.a. Hall: consists of hall, buttery, parlour, kitchen, 4 chambers above them, a lather, dairy, brewhouse with 3 chambers over, a gatehouse, 2 decayed rooms and 2 corn chambers over, one Green Court, small garden within moat, large fould yard, 2 large barns, a gatehouse, stable, cowhouse, hayhouse, several outbarns, ancient decayed orchard without moat. In all 5 acres 1R 2P valued £10 p.a. Denham College/DenhamDungeon: consists of a parlour, hall, kitchen/buttery, cellar, brewhouse, bakehouse, a ---house, 1 small room and 6 chambers over, 2 dairies, 1 chamber over, 1 garrett over, 1 small courtyard, small garden within moat, in all 4 acres 2R 20P.

Archaeological Sites

Med. moated site (CRN 4020, 4021)

Square enclosure (CRN 4022)

Stray finds: Neo. Worked flint (CRN 4023)