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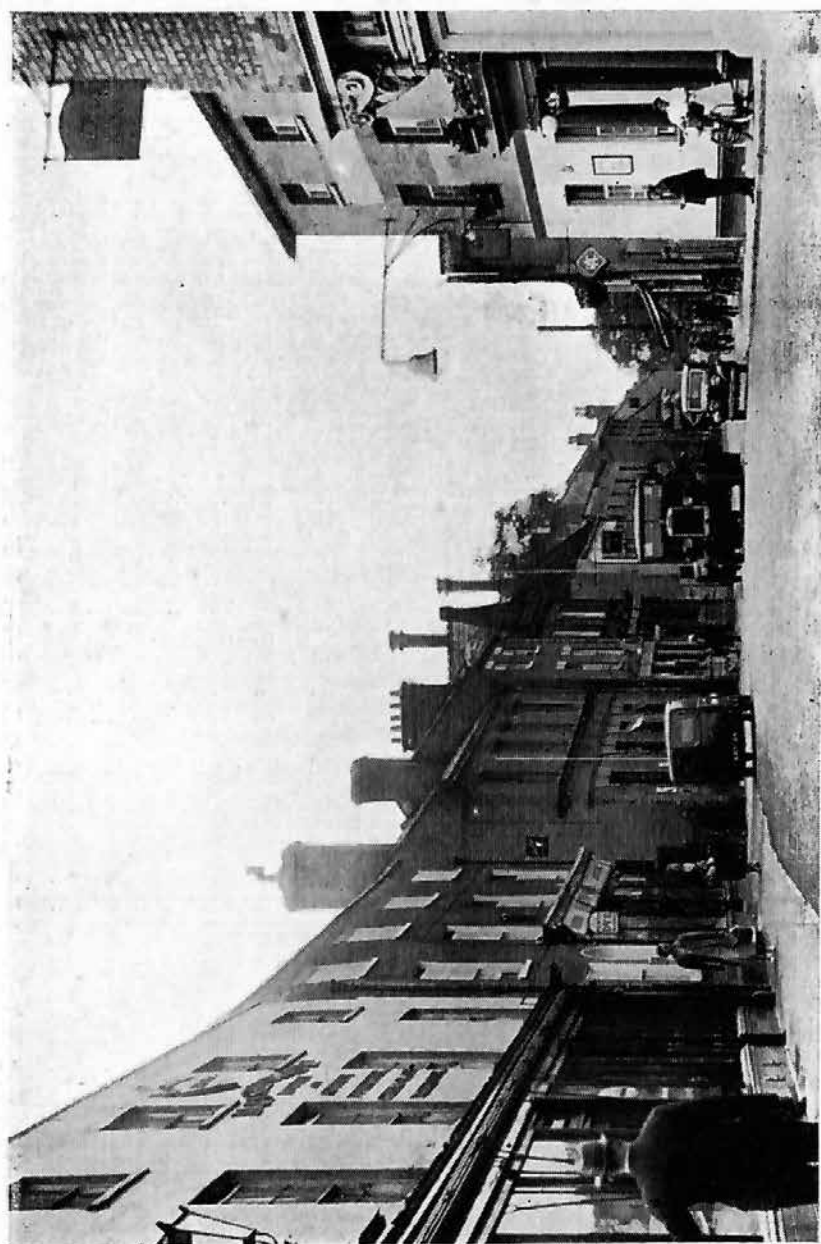
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SAXMUNDHAM
SUFFOLK
by J.S. Waddell.

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High Street, Saxmundham.

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SAXMUNDHAM.

One of the great attractions of the English countryside is the way in which our main highways are studded with small town-ships in which one encounters a strange but fascinating mixture of the ancient and the modern. Such is Saxmundham.

ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Nowadays when one watches the constant procession of motor vehicles passing through the High Street, especially in the summer months, and notices the well-made, well-lighted roads lined with modern business premises, it is difficult to visualise the days gone by when the old stage-coach - on its journeys from London to Lowestoft and Yarmouth - lumbered through the town, pausing only at "The Bell," the "Queen's Head," or the "White Hart" to refresh man and beast. You have only to turn into the Market Place to breathe the atmosphere of centuries ago, while nearby is seen the substantial modern buildings of banks, Post Office, etc.

Thanks to a, sympathetic, as well as progressive, Urban District Council, things ancient are well looked after and every opportunity seized to extend the modern. As an example, since 1934 fewer than forty-eight Council houses have been erected, besides twelve by private enterprise and six by the Oddfellows Friendly Society, while during the last few years many modern and substantial dwellings have been springing up, especially in the Fairfield Road and Rendham Road neighbourhoods.

APPROACHES TO THE TOWN.

The approach to the town from the north is by way of picturesque, well-wooded high ground on the left, while on the right, in its extensive park, stands Carlton Hall, for many years the residence of the late Sir Ronald Lane, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., and Lady Lane. Entering the town from the west, by way of the Framlingham and Rendham Road, one finds the modern Waterworks and the offices of the Blyth Rural District Council, of which Mr T. W. Yallop is Clerk. The south entrance, by way of the Ipswich Road, has on its left The Layers, the popular camping ground of the 6th Suffolk Cyclists during the Great War and the venue of the Suffolk Agricultural Society's Show in 1919. To the right stands Hurts Hall, the residence of the Lord of the Manor, W. E. Long, Esq., surrounded by a beautifully timbered zoo-acre park, through which flows the stream which goes on to swell the River Alde. Hurts Hall was originally built in the 15th century. In 1890 it was destroyed by fire. and was rebuilt in the Elizabethan style. Entering from the east, by way of the road from Aldeburgh

and Leiston, one gets a fine view of the town from the top of the hill. Here, on the right, stands the Rectory, the living of which includes 29 acres of glebe land and is the gift of W. E. Long. Esq. The present incumbent is Rev. F. W. Moyle. On the left stands the

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

a fine 14th and 16th century structure of flint with stone dressings and with some traces of Early Norman work. It has an embattled tower with pinnacles, containing six bells. All almost unique feature of the church is that the chancel is not in line with the nave, but inclines towards the south, a most unusual deflection. An interior feature is the very fine 15th century font, with its lions and wild men alternating around the base of the font. Amongst the monuments in the church are some of the Long family by the famous portrait sculptor, Nollekens and one by Westmacott of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Long. Later Baron Farnborough. The edifice was thoroughly restored in 1873 at a cost of about £2000. In 1880 a clock was given by his family to the memory of Samuel Flick, for many years churchwarden. In recent years the ravages of the death-watch beetle has made necessary another overhaul of the structure-at a cost of some £1,500 and the bells were re-hung in 1937 at a cost of over £200.

There is a Congregational Church in the town with seating accommodation for about 400, together with a cemetery adjoining. Quite recently the burying ground at the church had to be closed and the Council acquired suitable land for a cemetery in Mill Road. Since the departure of the Rev. W. H. N. Mumford the church is without a minister. The Salvation Army Hall, in High Street, seats about 150.

THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN.

In the centre of the town is the Market Hall, erected in 1864 and presented to the town by members of the Long family. This property is invested in the members of the Urban District Council as Trustees, and is available as a Public Hall, a weekly Corn Market on Wednesdays and Petty Sessional and County Courts.

The Petty Sessional Court is held on each alternate Thursday and the County Court every two months. The local County Court Office is open on Wednesdays only

SALE YARD.

Almost opposite is the Sale Yard where Messrs Flick & Son hold fortnightly sales of cattle, swine, sheep, poultry, etc, with special sheep sales and Christmas

fat stock sales. Buyers and sellers attend from a very wide area, while London poultry buyers are much in evidence, and almost every kind of live and dead stock changes hands.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

The town has an up-to-date sewerage plant and system, inaugurated in 1930, and an ample supply of pure water is provided by the waterworks in the Rendham Road. Gas and electricity supplies are available, the former by the local Gas Company and the latter by the East Suffolk Electricity Distribution Company.

The population is 1,404. The parish covers an area of 1,107 acres and has a ratable value of £8,713 with rates at 13/- in the £.

Friendly Societies are well represented in the town. The Loyal Fidelity Lodge of Oddfellows has an adult (men's and women's) section and a juvenile (boys' and girls') section, and have their own hall in Fairfield Road. Mr W. Hall is Secretary. The Rational Sick and Burial Association branch is in the secretarial hands of Mr Durrant. The "Abiff" Lodge of Freemasons have their own recently erected temple in Chapel Road.

INSURANCE AND BANKING.

Life insurance is catered for by the Prudential, the Pearl and the Liverpool Victoria, each of which have their local offices, while fire and general insurances are covered by numerous local agencies. Banking business is conducted by local branches of Barclays, Lloyds and Midland.

The Post Office, under the control of Mr F. Bosson, is the head office for a large district, including Aldeburgh, Leiston and surrounding villages. All classes of business incidental to a central office are transacted.

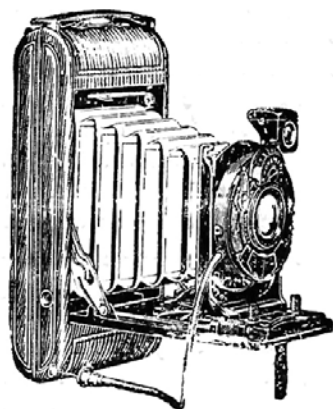
The voluntary Fire Brigade, which is available in surrounding parishes, was established in 1875, and is now equipped with very efficient modern apparatus. Under their late captain, Mr. O. W. Lane, excellent services were rendered. Since his departure from the town his place is filled by Mr J. Backhouse.

Saxmundham is fortunate in having a very strong unit of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Superintendent F. H. Scarf has thirty-one men on his books, while the ladies' unit, under Superintendent Mrs Graham Aldous, musters twenty-one members.

The East Suffolk Education Committee, through a board of managers, provides for the education of young Saxmundham.

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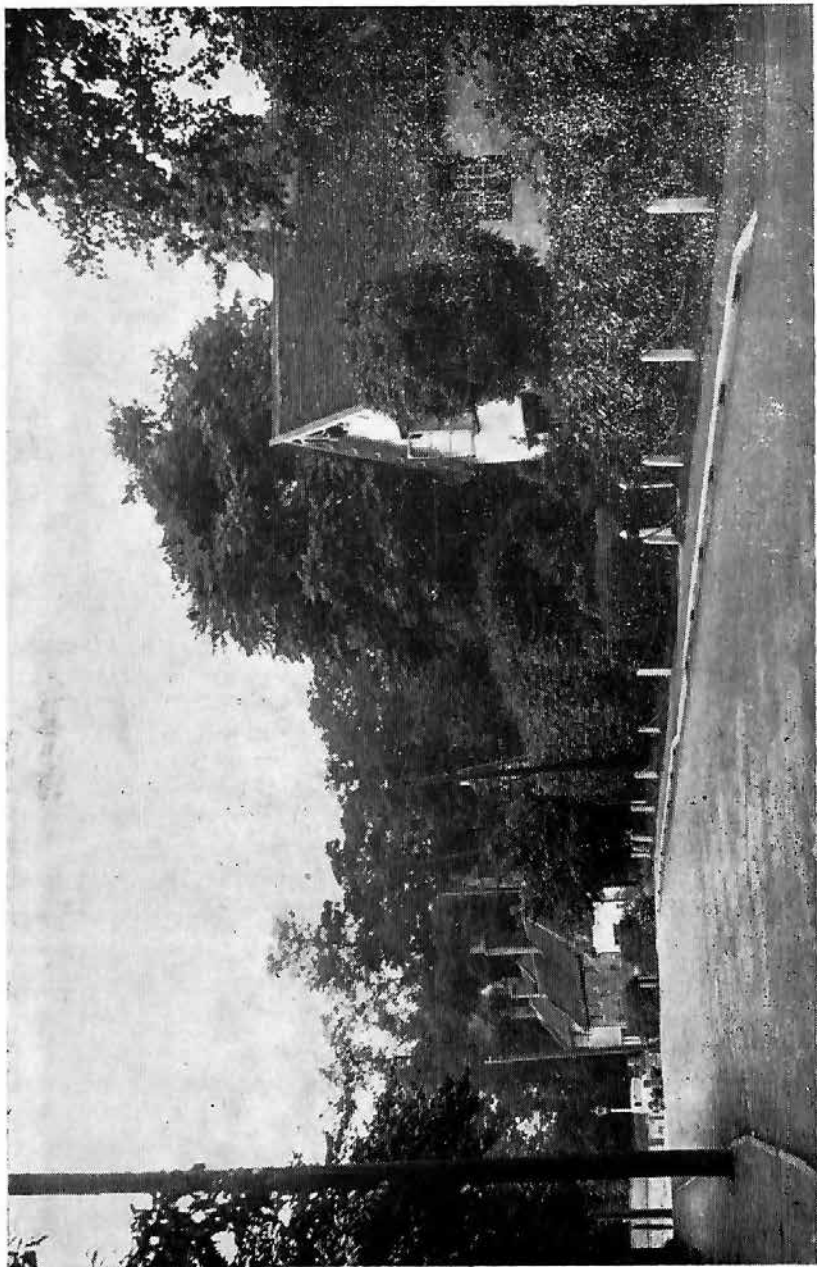
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Saxmundham—North Entrance.

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Mr M. F. Jennings is headmaster, with Miss Mowle as girls' mistress. The Jubilee Recreation Ground provides plenty of fun for the juveniles with its swings, chutes, see-saws, etc. Further educational facilities are to be found near and handy, at Leiston Secondary School, Framlingham College and private schools at Aldeburgh. The E.s.E. Committee's Circulating Library is available at the school, while other libraries in the town. are Mr .Watling's and Messrs Smith & Sons, Railway Bookstall.

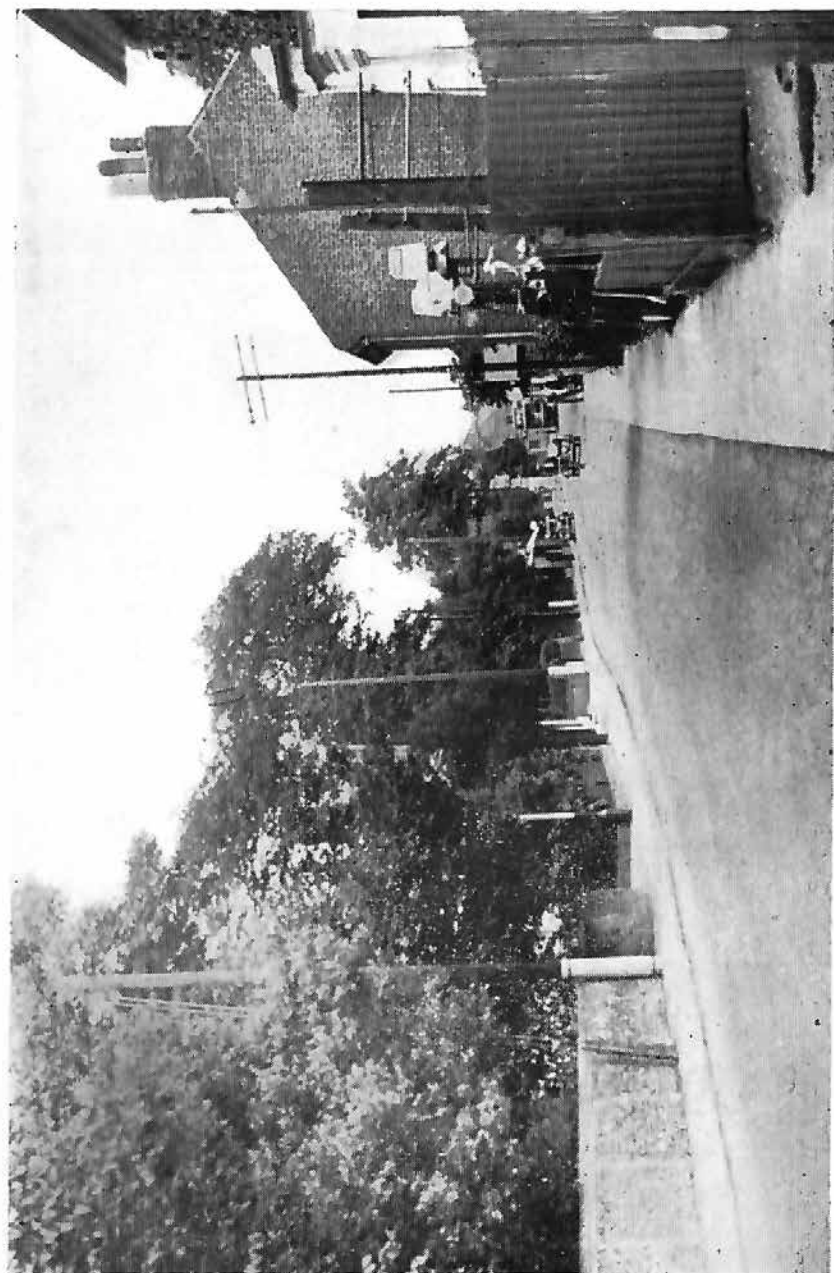
MEDICAL SERVICES.

The health of the district is in the hands of Drs D. W. Ryder-Richardson and Eric Abdy Collins, the former being Medical Officer to the Urban District Council. A casual ward was provided by the E.S. County Council in 1935. The relieving officer for the district is Mr C. Guy.

SPORTS FACILITIES.

Saxmundham is quite a stronghold of sporting activities. For many years the Saxmundham Town Bowls Club have proved strong opponents to such other well-known experts as Framlingham, Woodbridge and Leiston, and are still going strong on their fine green to the north of the town. Since the Great War we have seen the formation of a British Legion Bowls Club with their green near the station. Yet another club has recently come along as one branch of the activities of the Saxmundham Sports Club with headquarters on the Layers.

Besides bowls, this club has its Cricket, Tennis, Hockey and Football sections. Angling enthusiasts in the town have of late years formed a Sea Angling Club, and although the nearest "sea" is some six miles distant, this sport has caught on marvelously in recent years, and the club has now nearly 100 members. Club competitions are run regularly during the season at points along the coast from Shingle Street in the south to Cove Hithe northwards. Southwold Pier is a favourite venue, but nearer home Sizewell and Aldeburgh provide good sport. In the Alde Estuary mainly in spring, nice catches of codling, plaice, flounders, bass, etc., are recorded. Beach and Boat Fishing all "come in the day's march." Boats are on hire at Aldeburgh, and can be had by arrangement at Sizewell. Freshwater anglers find their sport mainly in the upper reaches of the Aide, between Snape Bridge and Langham Bridge, where roach and pike abound, as also around Thorpeness Mere and the Minsmere Level.



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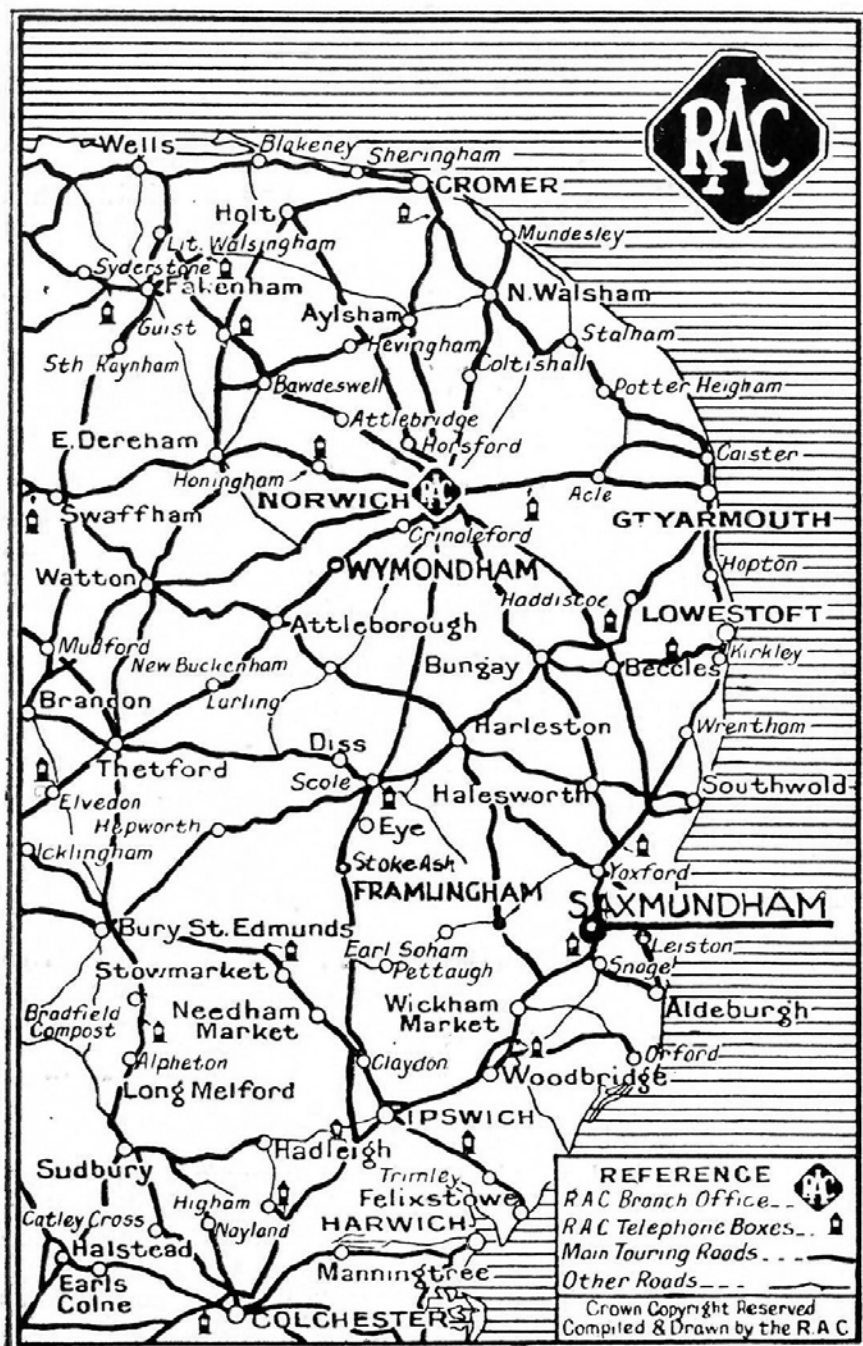
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Golf enthusiasts flock to one or other of the local links Hazelwood, Thorpeness or Aldeburgh - all 18-hole courses and each with a well-equipped club-house.

For Yachting enthusiasts, the Alde Estuary, with its twenty four miles of tidal waters, from Shingle Street to Snape Bridge, is one of the finest stretches on the East Coast. The headquarters of the Aldeburgh Yacht Club is close by Slaughden Quay.

Excellent Swimming facilities are to be found at Sizewell six miles. Sizewell is considered one of the best and safest beaches on the East Coast. The Leiston Swimming Club here have commodious dressing huts and an official in attendance.

INDOOR RECREATION.

Indoor recreations are provided for in the Gannon Institute, with billiards, etc., while dances and other social functions are frequently staged at the Market Hall.

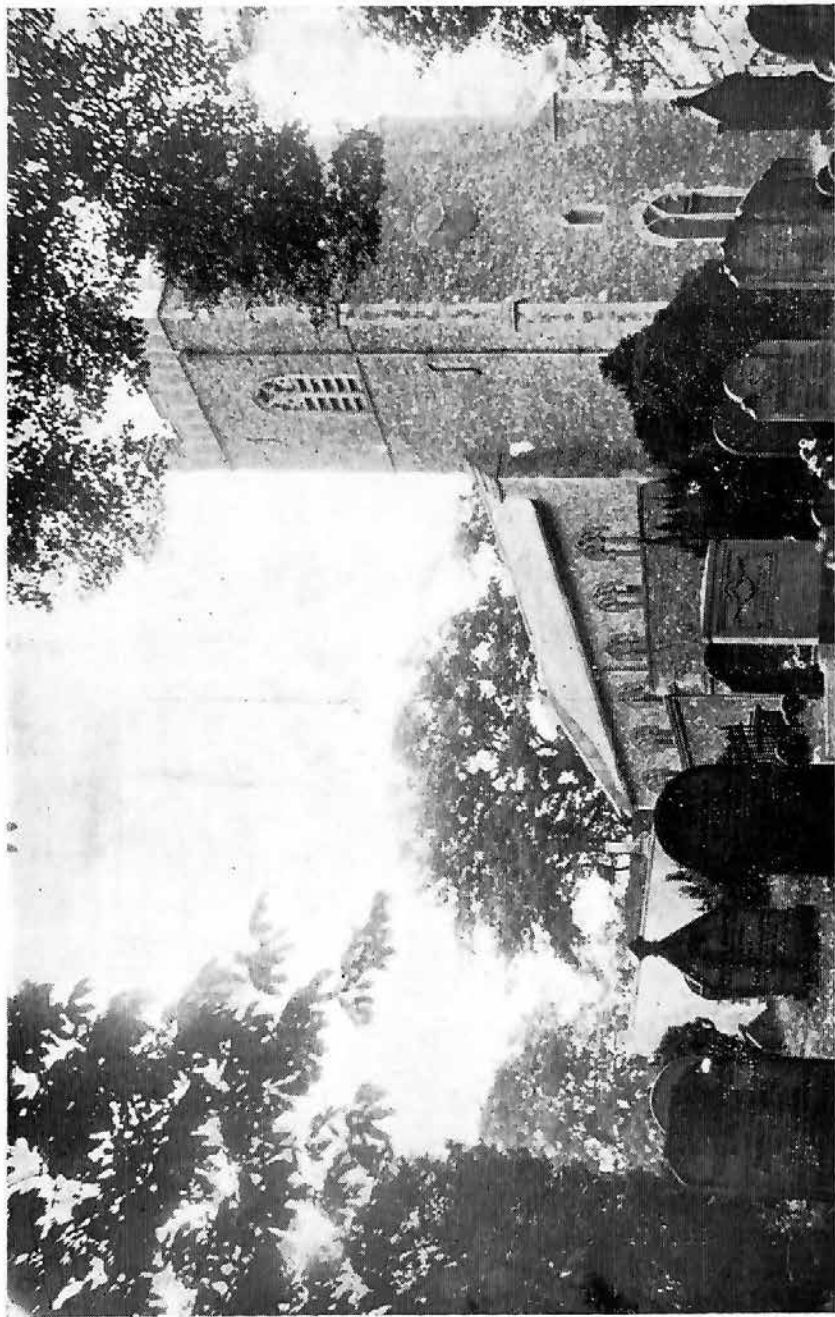
In the Playhouse, an attractive and popular cinema, patrons are provided with programmes of the latest films.

SHOPPING FACILITIES.

As to the Saxmundham tradesmen, they are well-known as a section of the community which endeavours successfully to keep abreast of the times in regard to stocks and prices, while for civility and good service one has to go a long way to find the equal. A considerable amount of patronage is drawn from the surrounding villages. Early closing day is Thursday at 1 p.m.

RAILWAY SERVICES.

Standing, as it does, about midway between Ipswich and Lowestoft, on the main L.N.E.R. London-Yarmouth line, Saxmundham is easily accessible from all directions. Mr R. Roe is stationmaster, and the services in normal times, both local and long distance, are good. A branch line from here brings in Leiston, Thorpeness and Aldeburgh. Then the Eastern Counties Bus Road Services from



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PLACES OF INTEREST.

A look round some of the places of interest in the neighbourhood will be found well worth while. Saxmundham stands well in the centre of a district rich in historical associations. Following the northward road, we come to the tiny Carlton Church, set in the middle of Carlton Park, while on the right, on a commanding hill, stands the Kelsale Church of S.S. Mary and Peter, with its eight bells-a landmark for miles around. A fine old building in the centre of the village, now used as a school, was formerly the old Guildhall. Some three miles on we come to Yoxford, the Garden of Suffolk. Not only is the village itself a very pleasant place, but on the outskirts are several fine country houses, notably. Cockfield Hall and Rookery Park, the latter the residence of Sir Guy Hambling and Lady Hambling.

Through Yoxford "little Street" on the Peasenhall Road, is seen the ruins of a Cistercian Abbey at Sibton. Returning in the direction of Westleton, we leave, on the right, Theberton, for years the home of the Doughty family and best remembered as the scene of the last resting-place of the ill-fated zeppelin, L48, which was brought down in flames on June 17th, 1917. Sixteen members of the crew are interred in one grave in Theberton Cemetery. The grave bears the inscription, "Who art thou that judgeth another man's servant to his own Master he standeth or falleth," and separate stone tablets, each bearing the name of one of the crew. Then, through Middleton and Westleton the road leads direct to perhaps the most widely debated historical subject in the county-

THE ANCIENT CITY OF DUNWICH.

Here, at one time, was the capital of East Anglia, and from A.D. 673 to A.D. 870 the head of a Bishop's See, a place of very considerable importance and reputed to have contained as many as fifty-two churches, chapels, hospitals and other such public buildings. Although, from 1296 to 1832, Dunwich sent two members to Parliament, and in the heyday of its prosperity had a large merchant and fishing fleet, and even in the reign of Edward I. was able to supply eleven ships of war, it was quite helpless against the invaders of the sea. Time after time, wholesale destruction was wrought, until to-day about the only traces of its former greatness are seen in the remains of the gates and surrounding wall of

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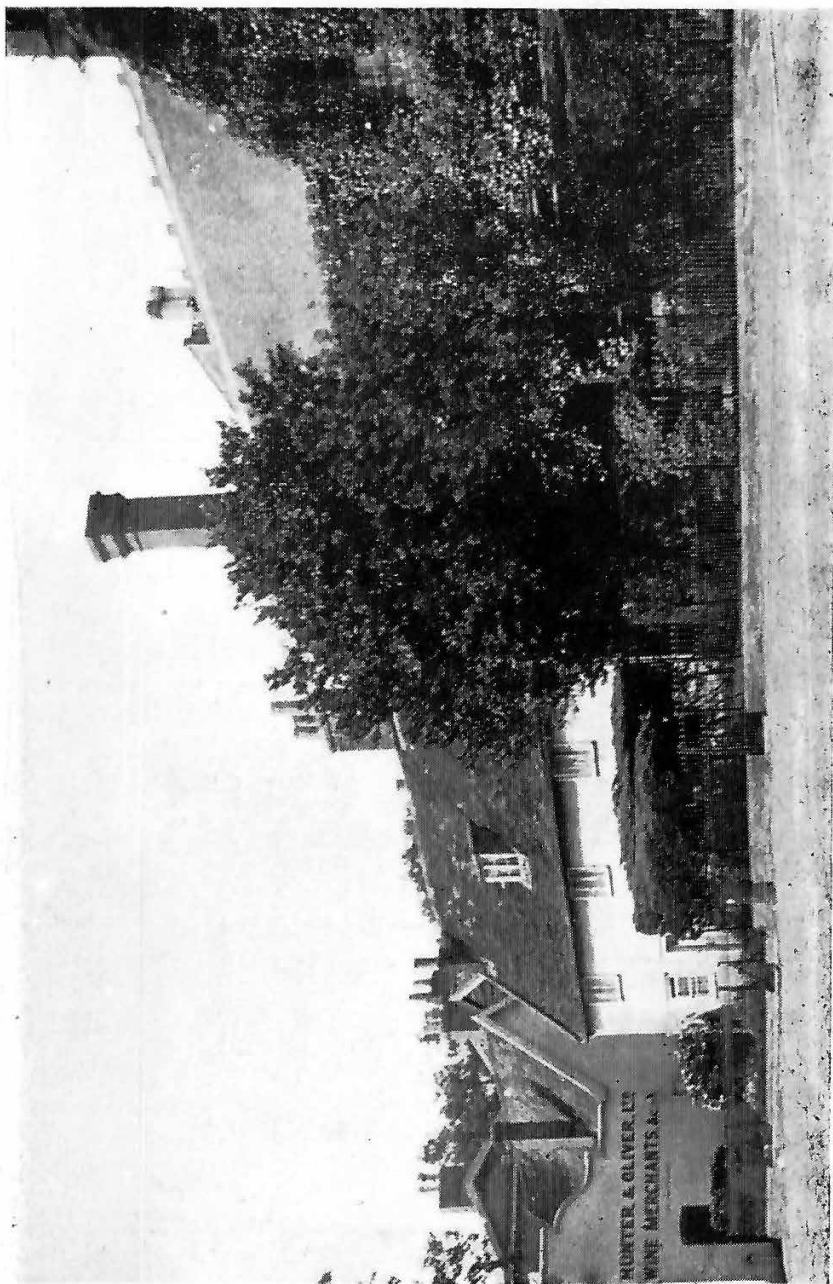
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the Franciscan Friary and fragments of the old St. James' Hospital. When the last of the ancient churches, All Saints was nearly gone, the remaining buttress of the tower was removed and re-erected in the precincts of the modern Church of St. James.

Along the coast to the south is Minsmere, with only three or four houses (late the Coastguard Station) but with acres and acres of gorse and heather-an ideal spot for picnicking and camping. Still farther south is Sizewell whose sandy beach, wide benthills and generally unspoilt beauty make it a universally popular haunt for those who would escape "the madding crowd." Sizewell, in the "good old days" was a favourite landing place for smugglers and their illicit cargoes, and many are the local tales about their doings.

The road inland leads straight to Leiston (2 miles). Leiston is most widely known because of its famous engineering works. Founded by Richard Garrett in 1778, the works grew from small beginnings in such things as sickles, hoes, etc., to be world famous for their threshing machinery and other larger engineering products. The works have lately been acquired by Beyer, Peacock & Co., Ltd., and are now known as the Richard Garrett Engineering Works, Ltd. (Branch of Beyer, Peacock, Ltd.). Leiston Abbey is a picturesque ruin to the north of the town. Founded by Ranulph de Glanville in 1182, it was a centre of prosperity until the Dissolution, when it shared the fate of many others. The ruins are well preserved by the present owner, Miss E. Wrightson, and the house and chapel adjoining are in use now as a retreat.

South again is Aldringham with its quaint little church standing guard on rising ground to the eastward.

Thorpeness, on the coast, is largely a modern product, the once little hamlet of Thorpe being almost lost amongst the modern bungalows, modern church, unique water towers (with dwellings in the towers), country club, workmen's club, almshouses, etc. The whole conception of Thorpeness speaks of the planning of a master mind. That master mind was the late G. Stuart Ogilvie, Lord of the Manor, with the able co-operation of Mr A. Forbes-Glennie as architect.

The children's paradise - some sixty acres of marsh and waste land transformed into a shallow lake with pretty islands dotted here and there-is indeed a spot where the youngsters (and older youngsters) may disport themselves, knowing that even if the "ship" (whether dinghy, punt or whatnot) should sink, they will touch bottom at about two feet.

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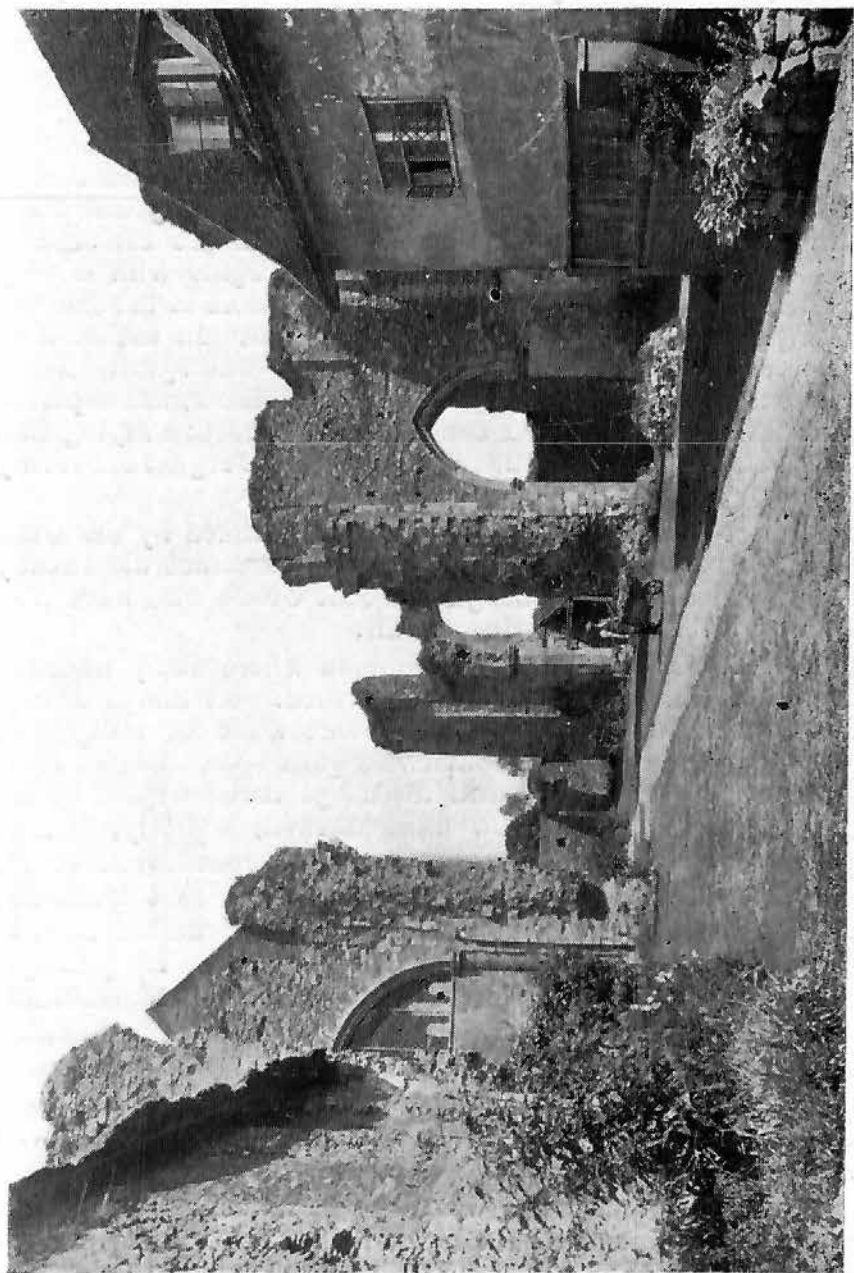


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The Nave, Leiston Abbey.

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Some three miles along the coast is the ancient burgh of Aldeburgh, famous amongst other things as the birthplace of the poet Crabbe, to whom Byron refers as “Nature’s sternest poet, but the best.” This burgh is also noteworthy as being the first in the county to elect a woman Mayor in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, M.D. The fine 16th century Moot hall will repay a visit. It stands now almost on the beach, but a map inside shows it as at one time being surrounded by houses, with at least two streets between it and the sea. Aldeburgh, like Dunwich, is engaged in a constant struggle against coast erosion, and at the time of issue the Council are considering ways and means of meeting the sea’s onslaughts with a very comprehensive and expensive programme. Visitors in the summer enjoy a quiet holiday with nature at her best. In the autumn and winter comes a visitor of another kind the sprat. These toothsome morsels, about November and December, are exported from the town by the ton. I believe I am correct in saying that the record one day’s catch was somewhere in the region of seventy tons.

The motor lifeboat, “Abdy Beauclerk.” named by the Duke of Kent (then Prince George) has helped to enhance the already notable record of the Aldeburgh Lifeboat Crews who have now hundreds of lives saved to their credit.

A few miles inland is Snape Common where many traces of Roman encampments have been unearthed. At Snape Bridge Messrs Swonwell & Sons Maltings provide work for many, and give an air of liveliness to an otherwise quiet spot. Barges come up the Alde as far as this and discharge their cargoes at the wharf. Along the river a few miles is Iken, a pretty, historic village with its very old church and the reputed site of St. Botolphs Abbey. Here also, tradition has it that Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, gathered her troops to stay the advance of the Romans. Still farther along stands Orford, its principal feature being a Norman castle (II30) from which a commanding view of the surrounding district is obtained. Once a good market town, Orford has declined to a village, but is still a favourite spot for yachting, shooting, fishing-and oysters! To the westwards are Tunstall, Woodbridge, Wickham Market each with its claim to attention, which space forbids.

Framlingham, four miles west of Saxmundham, is a centre of great historical interest. It has the remains of a Norman castle which was conspicuous as the rallying point at which the Roman Catholic gentry of Suffolk gathered round the Princess Mary as she made her way to London to occupy the throne of England.

Nearby stands the Albert Memorial College, founded in 1865 and built by public subscription in memory of the Prince Consort.

Some seven miles to the north-east is the considerable village of Peasenhall, noted principally for the agricultural implement works of Messrs Smyth & Sons, Ltd. This firm, established in 1800, were the original inventors of the popular Suffolk Seed Drill.

Dennington, Bruisyard, Sweffling and Rendham are all situated in the valley of the River Alde, which, rising in the neighbourhood of Dennington, finds its way through these parishes on to Farnham. Snape and Aldeburgh. The well-wooded slopes on either side of the valley make up a picturesque panorama of typical and enchanting Suffolk scenery.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Council - Urban District (15 members).

Clerk - H. T. Argent, Solicitor. Saxmundham (Telephone No.31).

Treasurer-Barclays Bank. Ltd.

Medical Officer of Health – Dr. D. W. Ryder-Richardson, The Beeches, Saxmundham.

Population - 1,260 (1931)

Area - 1,017 acres.

Rateable Value - £8,755.

Parliamentary Status - In Eve Division of Suffolk.

Market Day - Alternate Wednesdays.

Early Closing Day - Thursdays.

Railway Company - L.N.E.R.

Bus Service - Eastern Counties Bus Co. Ltd.

Public Car Park - Station Road.

Post Office - High Street.

Banks - Barclays Bank Ltd.; Midland Bank Ltd.; and Lloyds Bank Ltd.

Places of Worship - St. John's Church; Congregational Church:

Salvation Army.

Hotel - Bell Hotel; White Hart; Queen's Head.

Newspaper - Leiston Abbey Press - "Leiston Observer."

Clubs - British Legion; Gannon Institute

Sports Clubs and Grounds - Saxmundham Sports Club: The Layers; Saxmundham Bowlers Club; Saxmundham Tennis Club; British Legion Bowls Club; Saxmundham Quoit Club.

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Fire Brigade - Rendham Road, Saxmundham.

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The business carried on by Mr Mattinson is a comprehensive one, and he is an expert on all matters relating to wireless. You can safely rely on an efficient service, whether it is a question of repairs or a new set Mr Mattinson will be pleased to give advice at any time. His 'phone number is 136. (See advt., p. 16).

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E.G.B. REYNOLDS, Sports Depot, Chantry Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

Mr Reynolds has a distinguished record, and it seems hardly necessary to mention that he is an expert at his business. He is a British Small-Bore and Service Rifle International, the maker of and joint-holder world's record. Dewar Match, King's Hundred, 1931-4-5. He is a licensed dealer in firearms, and supplies all kinds of guns, cartridge and sports requisites. fishing tackle being a specialty. Mr Reynolds also provides a first-class gun repair service. (See advt., p. 20).

THE PLAYHOUSE, Saxmundham.

After six years in the Cinema Industry in British Columbia. Captain G.L. Atkinson opened up as a try-out, a two-night a week show in the Old Market Hall. Saxmundham. Finding this was successful, Captain Atkinson acquired the present site of the "Playhouse" in 1934 and built the present Miniature Super the same year.

It is interesting to note that this was opened (on November 12th) by the Right Hon. The Earl of Cranbrook. and so successful was the venture that extensive alterations were undertaken at Christmas, 1937, the result being to consolidate the proud boast of The Playhouse to be considered a Miniature Super, and it will surprise the many visitors to Saxmundham that so small a town should boast such a very completely equipped and up-to-the-minute House of Entertainment. The Proprietor and Manager is always proud to show any visitors round The Playhouse at any time that he is in the theatre (which is more often than not, ten or twelve hours in the day!),

First-class shows are put on, and these follow surprisingly close upon London releases, so that The Playhouse is always well attended both summer and winter. (See advt., p. 14).

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The Company have been entrusted with the Public Lighting since incorporation, and in 1937 the contract for the lighting of the street lamps was renewed for a further five years. (See advt., p, 18).

J. S. WADDELL, Photographer, 10 Cross Street, Leiston, Suffolk.

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