

Town House, the rents of which provided Christmas handouts to the poor, was situated in Butley parish. The civil parish was amalgamated with Butley in 1936 and in censuses it is variously grouped with other villages. The name of its manor, Tangham, all but disappeared when Tangham Forest was incorporated with Rendlesham by the Forestry Commission. Houses scattered along the road known as Capel Street maintain Capel's identity, but the once vibrant community round the Green and the Green itself are no more. Had Cobbold cast his 'faction' differently, the merchant Francis Cook would have taken his pack-horse round Suffolk to sell braids of smuggled silk made by the skilled home-workers on the Green. Much later the dresses created by Elizabeth Pratt surely provided opportunities for another generation to undertake trimming and hand-finishing at home.

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