

## THE MYSTERIOUS MILL AND SOME DOMESDAY ANOMALIES RESOLVED

It was the author's creation in 1986 of a Domesday map of Butley and its surrounding villages to mark the millennium of the Survey which prompted closer investigation of inconsistencies between the landscape and historical evidence. In particular it was obvious that neither the fertile portion of Butley, nor the extensive sheepwalks shared with Capel were reflected in the Survey entries. The inconsistencies are confirmed by hundred boundaries, which are particularly eccentric in this part of Suffolk



Part of a map of Suffolk by Bowles printed in 1785 showing that Butley lay in the hundreds of Loes and Plomesgate. Carlton near Saxmundham is top right

The hundred was the basic administrative unit used by the Domesday surveyors. Named holdings of land, men and animals are found, grouped in their respective hundreds and listed under the major landholders. Most of the holdings can be instantly recognized as villages which exist today. In the case of villages with the same name, for instance, Boyton, for which there are six entries, it