

# **Population – Timelines:**

**In terms of population, the records show that in the Domesday Book of 1086, 18 residents were recorded, a population that was consistent for about 500 years when 91 adults were recorded as living here in 1603.**

**According to the census figures, the greatest number of residents was in 1851 with 241, thereafter, steadily dropping to around 150 inhabitants by 1981.**

**Of the residents, unsurprisingly, most were involved in agriculture, but many residents were becoming involved in “supporting” trades such as blacksmith, carpenter, builder, postmaster, brickmaker, shopkeeper, and auctioneer and the publican – The Swan Public House opening for trade in 1844.**

**Also in 1831, 14 residents were described as being in domestic service.**

**The village had a school from as early as 1623 where 2 schoolmasters were recorded to be in place and reflecting the growing number of inhabitants of the village by the mid 1850's a schoolmistress was teaching 36 pupils.**

**I can't find any reference to the actual location of a school before 1891 when a "small school" was established – at School Lane but closed as the population started to diminish in 1912 with children having to travel to Palgrave or Diss – so not much changed there!**

**1912 also appears to be a definitive year for the village as it was the year in which The Swan Public House closed, presumably due to the same loss of clients as the school but on a more positive note 1912 was the year the Golf Club was established.**