

1. Parish: Braiseworth

Meaning: Briosia (gadfly) enclosure/homestead (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Hartismere

Deanery: Hartismere (- 1897), Hartismere (North) (1897 – 1931), N. Hartismere (1931 – 1972), Hartismere (1972 -)

Union: Hartismere

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

Other administrative details:

Hartismere Petty Sessional Division
Eye County Court District

3. Area: 730 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a) Deep well drained fine loam over clay, subject to seasonal waterlogging, coarse loam over clay and fine loam soils with clay subsoil
b) Clay soil overlying peat, risk of localized flooding

5. Types of farming:

1086		4 cattle, 8 pigs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-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, beans, sugar beet. Turkey farmer
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beett

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Very dispersed parish. Small settlement around church. Scattered farms. River Dove marks part of SE boundary.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 13, 1801 – 19, 1851 – 29, 1871 – 28, 1901 – 24, 1951 – 25, 1981 – 20

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to eye and Thorndon

Rail: 1891 2 miles Eye station: Mellis – Eye line opened (1867), closed for passengers (1931), closed for goods (1964)

9. Population:

1086 — 36 recorded
1327 — 7 taxpayers paid £1. 3s. 4d.
1524 — 6 taxpayers paid £0. 4s. 8d.
1603 — 36 adults
1674 — 15 households
1676 — 41 recorded
1801 — 105 inhabitants
1831 — 156 inhabitants
1851 — 171 inhabitants
1871 — 160 inhabitants
1901 — 113 inhabitants
1931 — 90 inhabitants
1951 — 97 inhabitants
1971 — 55 inhabitants
1981 — 52 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Discharged Rectory

1254 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £5.
1535 Valued £4. 8s. 1½d.
1831 Curate, stipend £54 p.a. Gross income £149 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Horringer.
Rent-charge of £200 p.a. in lieu of tithes (1839)
Rectory house about to be built (1855). 20 acres glebe
1912 Nett value £109. 20 acres glebe and residence

Patrons:

William Coleman (1603), Sir E.C. Kerrison (1831), Dowager Lady Bateman (1912)

11. Church Old St. Mary

1086 Situated ½ mile SE of present church
Church + 32 acres land, 1 plough
Only part of original building to remain is the chancel and S. door (re-used material)

New St. Mary

(Apsidal chancel, nave, S. porch, W. turret)

1857 Built
1908 Restored
1976 Church made redundant

Seats: 100

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet
1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by Alston under patronage of Wulfeva

Old Hall Manor

11th cent. Sir Robert Sackville held of the Honor of Eye (linked to many manors throughout the county)
12th cent. Giles de Braiseworth holds
1547 Playter family holds
1643 Earl of Cornwallis owns (linked to Brome, Palgrave and Thrandeston)
1825 Matthem Kerrison owns (linked to Brome, Eye and Yaxley)
1827 Annexed to Thelnetham

Sub-Manors:

New Hall

1268 William le Parker holds
1586 William Pretyman owns (linked to Bacon and Cotton)
Circa 1758 Absorbed by main manor

Bowell's Hall/Bovilles

1530 Humphrey Wingfield owns
1569 Alexander Newton died seised

Barnies/Rooky's

16th cent. George Cawsey owns
Circa 1568 Absorbed by Bowells
Circa 1643 Appears absorbed into main manor

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£872 rental value
1891	£896 rateable value
1912	£717 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	Lord Henniker, principle owner
1912	Lady Bateman, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1912	Rev. H. Drake BA
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18. Occupations:

1086	1 mill
1550–1599	2 yeomen
1600–1649	1 husbandman, 3 yeomen
1650–1699	4 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 1 tailor, 1 spinster
1831	29 in agriculture, 2 in retail trade, 7 others
1844	8 farmers
1912	6 farmers, farm bailiff, shopkeeper

19. Education:

1818	1 day school held 2 days per week + Sunday (26 attend)
1833	1 Sunday school (25 attend)
	National school built (1862) 20 attend, enlarged (1874), average (1912) 15

20. Poor relief:

1776	£42. 16s. 9d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£97. 0s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£116. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£126. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£195. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£49. 8s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Hart Charity:

1912	£100 for investment bequeathed amounts to £3 p.a. for distribution in coals
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22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

Public house opened (1977)

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Archaeological Sites

Site of St. Marys church (ruin) (CRN 3967)

Stray finds:	Rom. Pottery (CRN 3966)
	Coin (CRN 7517)
	Un. Human bone (CRN 7518)