

1. Parish: Ilketshall St. Lawrence

Meaning: Ulfetill's/Ulfcytel's village (Ulfcytel was alderman of East Anglia)

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (early in South Elmham) (-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

Union: Wangford

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Wangford RD (1894-1934), Wainford RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change (1879)
Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,180 acres

4. **Soils:**

Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086	Ilketshall	Wood for 60 pigs, 5 pigs 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing in 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, dairy farmer, poultry farmer
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

It has been suggested that the four parishes that make up the Ilketshalls were laid out as a unit with arrangements for inter-commoning

1961 Ancient parish boundary ran parallel to Roman road. Ribbon type development spaced along the Bungay – Harlesworth road (Stone Street site of Roman road) and around detached green area. Three main areas of settlement: a) Church and site of Hall, b) Green and public house, c) school.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 12, 1801 – 16, 1851 – 43, 1871 – 51, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 60, 1981 – 65

8. **Communications:**

Road: Road to Bungay, Halesworth and South Elmham St. Michael Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for several months of the year (18th cent.)
Eastern counties bus daily. Anchor Bus Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (1937)

9. **Population:**

1086 — Ilketshall : 82 recorded
1327 — Ilketshall: 83 taxpayers paid £4. 14s.
1524 — 21 taxpayers paid £1. 13s. 1d. (includes Ilketshall St. John)
1603 — 50 adults
1674 — 15 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 113 inhabitants
1831 — 242 inhabitants
1851 — 203 inhabitants
1871 — 269 inhabitants
1901 — 208 inhabitants
1931 — 202 inhabitants
1951 — 214 inhabitants
1971 — 165 inhabitants
1981 — 177 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (annexed to Ilketshall St. John)**

1254 Valued £2.
1291 Not recorded
circa 1300 Appropriated by Prioress of Bungay
1535 Valued £5. 12s. 4d. Revenues granted to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk. Services held once a month. Stipend of £5 p.a. to the curate 'according to ancient custom' (1739)
Twice augmented with Queen Anne's Bounty (an estate has been purchased which yields to officiating minister £15 p.a. after taxes and repairs)
1831 No glebe house. Gross income £47 p.a. Incumbent also holds vicarage of Biggleswade, Beds.
1912 Nett value £240. 97 acres glebe

Patrons: John Strange (1754), James Chapman (1794), Henry Stebbing (1824/26), John Hanbury Williams (1831), Elizabeth Chartres (1840), Lord Chancellor (1912)

11. Church **St. Lawrence**
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 20 acres land, valued 2s
12th cent. Main structure
circa 1154 Appropriated to Prioress of Bungay by Countess Gundreda
 Stands within Roman encampment of 1 acre near Stone Street
1840/1875 Restorations

Seats : 120 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 3 persons accused of incontinency
1840 Wesleyan chapel built

13. Manorial:

Ilketshall Manor (Includes parishes of St. Andrew, St. John, St. Lawrence, St. Margaret, All Saints Mettingham, St. Mary and Holy Trinity, Bungay)

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in Hands of Wulfsi under patronage of Gyrth
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Alwy under patronage of Wulfsi
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Burghard
12th cent. Ilketshall family owns
14th cent. de Norwich family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1362 Linked to Dalham Manor
1541 Sir Thomas Denny owns

Sub Manors:

Wellington's

1371 Sir John Howard owns

Ilketshall Bardolph's

1323 Held under the Honour of Lancaster

1377 Sir W. Bardolf, Lord Bardolf of Wirmegay owns (linked to Clopton)
 1518 Crown holds in hands of Sir Richard Wingfield at rent of 1 penny p.a.
 1545 Sir John Rous owns (linked to Henham)
 1804 Joseph Windham owns

Sherlock's

1458 Roger Rookwood owns (linked to Euston)
 1564 Sir James Calthorpe owns)

St. Andrew

1281 James de Ilketshall owns
 Early 16th cent. George Duke owns
 1563 Sir Nicholas Bacon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
 1846 Rev. Jeremy Day owns

Elli's and Strattons (thought to include part of Lt. Redisham)

1275 Peter Fitz Osbert owns
 15th cent. Goneld family owns
 1422 Thomas Croftes of Beccles owns
 1476 Thomas Duke owns (linked to Shadingfield and Benhall)
 1742 Rev. Thomas Tanner of London owns (linked to Redisham)

Lions

1286 Abbot of West Dereham, Norfolk owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,329 rental value
 1891 £1,463 rateable value
 1912 £1,077 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500-1599 1 yeoman
 Ilketshall: 8 yeomen, 1 husbandman
 1600-1649 4 yeomen, 1 linen weaver
 1650-1699 2 yeomen,
 Ilketshall: 1 yeoman
 1831 40 in agriculture, 1 in manufacturing, 8 in retail trade, 11
 in domestic service
 1844 1 shoemaker, 1 wheelwright, 1 joiner, 1
 miller/shopkeeper, 1 victualler/blacksmith, 10 farmers
 1912 1 teacher, 13 farmers, 1 miller, 1 wheelwright, 1 threshing
 machine owner, 1 publican

19. Education:

1818 1 day school (27 attend)
 1875 School Board established with school (100 attend). Also
 attend by children from Spexhall and Great Radishaw.
 Extended (1906), average attendance (1912) 97

20. Poor relief:

1776	£12. 8d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£30. 13s. 7d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£292. 16s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£307. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£181. 11s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£382. 10s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

1937 Police station built

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Royal Oak public house

24. Personal:

Ilketshall: Sir Edward Denny, Earl of Norwich (1626)

25. Other information:

St. Lawrences Hall: formerly large building, taken down (no dates) remains
 divided into tenements. Now farmhouse

Archaeological Sites:

Church of St Lawrence (CRN 959)
 Med. great house (CRN 960)

Med. moated site (CRN 955)

Stray finds: Med. dagger (CRN 956)
 B.A. palstave (CRN 957)
 Rom. pottery (CRN 958)
 Neo. axe (CRN 561)