

# 1. Parish: Great Linstead (otherwise Lindstead Magna)

**Meaning:** Place where flax was grown

2. **Hundred:** Blything

**Deanery:** Dunwich (-1868), Dunwich (North) (1868-1914), N. Dunwich (1914-1972), Halesworth (1972-)

**Union:** Blything

**RDC/UDC:** (E.Suffolk) Blything RD(1894-1934), Blyth RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

## Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Linstead Magna with Linstead Parva (1889)  
Blything Petty Sessional Division  
Halesworth County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,325 acres

4. **Soils:**

Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood 20 pigs, 2 acres meadow, 1 cob, 4 cattle, 20 pigs, 30 sheep, 20 goats
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:	Coarse of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main Crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, turnips, pasture
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Dispersed settlement with no discernable center.  
Remains of church in isolated position  
Scattered farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 15, 1801 – 12, 1851 – 19, 1871 – 21,  
1901 – 17, 1951 – 15, 1981 – 18

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Cratfield, Huntingfield, Linstead Parva and Cookley

**Rail:** 1891 5 miles Halesworth station: East Suffolk line, opened (1854), closed for goods (1964)  
Southwold-Halesworth line, opened (1879), closed (1929)  
Halesworth-Beccles-Haddiscoe line, opened (1854), closed (1959)

**9. Population:**

1086 — Linstead - 6 recorded

1327 — 54 taxpayers paid £2. 10s. 4 d. (includes Huntingfield and Linstead Parva)

1524 — 15 taxpayers paid £5. 7s. 2d.

1603 — not recorded

1674 — 15 households

1676 — not recorded

1801 — 93 inhabitants

1831 — 110 inhabitants

1851 — 100 inhabitants

1871 — 113 inhabitants

1901 — 96 inhabitants

1931 — 67 inhabitants

1951 — 54 inhabitants

1971 — 67 inhabitants

1981 — 59 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831), Vicarage (1891)**

1254 Valued £4. 6s. 8d. (Includes Linstead Parva)

1291 Valued £5. 6s. 8d.

1535 Not recorded

1650 Linsteads: Valued £20

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £97 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Heveningham and Perpetual Curacy of Aldringham with Thorpe

1844 Modus of £315 p.a. in lieu of tithes, £82 of which is paid to the incumbent

1891 Incumbent receives rent-charge of £160 p.a. in lieu of tithes. Incumbent resides in Linstead Parva  
Impropriator has rent-charge of £233 in lieu of tithes

1912 Joint net value £111. 50 acres glebe

**Patrons:** Lord Huntingfield (1831), Church Patronage Society (1891-)

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

13<sup>th</sup> cent. Chancel, nave rebuilt  
1500 Tower  
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 8  
superstitious pictures, 2 crucifixes and 3 inscriptions also  
orders steps to be levelled  
S. side nave collapsed, rebuilt in brick (circa 1825)  
1912 Nave in ruins, tower decayed, chancel only used for  
worship  
1924 Dismantled  
1964 Brick tower and fragment of nave (SE corner) remained  
prior to clearance. Nothing now remains

**Seats :** 340 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1606 2 popish recusants  
1650 Linsteads: Francis Edwards named as 'recusant convict'

**13. Manorial:**

**Linstead**

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfric, a free man  
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by  
Walter

**Linstead Magna**

1316 William de Huntingfield died seised (linked to Linstead  
Parva and Horham)  
16<sup>th</sup> cent. John Everard owns  
circa 1771 Sir Joshua Vanneck owns (linked to numerous manors  
throughout Suffolk)  
1909 Joshua Charles Vanneck owns (linked to Heveningham,  
Huntingfield and Linstead Parva)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £1,471 rental value  
1891 £1,202 rateable value

1912            £785 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844/1891    Land sub-divided  
1912           Lord Huntingfield, principal owner

**17. Resident gentry:**

1679           Mr. Everard  
1694           William Cooke, Sheriff of Suffolk

**18. Occupations:**

1550-1599    1 husbandman  
1600-1649    1 yeoman  
1650-1699    1 yeoman  
1831           27 in agriculture, 10 in domestic service  
1844           12 farmers  
1912           8 farmers, 1 farms bairliff

**19. Education:**

1597           Curate also teaches school  
1912           Children attend school at Linstead Parva and Cratfield

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£46. 11s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£90. 18s. 0 ¼ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£228. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£338. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£332. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£283. 7s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

1912           Rational Association Friendly Society

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

Thomas Everard al Everett (1560-1633) native of parish. Jesuit and translator of religious works

**25. Other information:**

**Archaeological Sites:**

Church (ruined) (CRN 2158)  
Med. moated site (CRN 2159)  
Med. enclosure (CRN 2160)

Stray finds: Rom. pottery (CRN 2162)

Scatter finds: Med. pottery (CRN 2161, 2039, 2163)