

1. Parish: Palgrave

Meaning: Grove where poles were found (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Hartismere

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

Union: Hartismere

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hartismere R.D. (-1974), Mid Suffolk D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Hartismere Petty Sessional Division
Eye County Court District

3. Area: 1,504 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a) Deep permeable sand and coarse loam
- b) Some deep peat soil with clay over sandy soil. Risk of flooding
- c) Fine loam over clay soil, some areas affected by groundwater and seasonal waterlogging

5. Types of farming:

1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig keeping
1818	Marshall:	Wide variations of crop and management techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	4 course system: wheat, barley, clover, roots
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1814 Enclosure award – extend enclosed not known

7. Settlement:

1958 Compact development around long green. Church centrally situated. Railway crosses parish SW-NE. River Waveney forms natural boundary to the north. Scattered Farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 55, 1801 – 82, 1851 – 161, 1871 – 158, 1901 – 172, 1951 – 192, 1981 – 207

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Diss, Thrandeston and Wortham
1844 Carrier to Ipswich and Norwich
1891 Carrier passes through to Diss Friday

Rail: 1891 1 mile Diss station: Ipswich-Norwich line, opened (1849), still operational

Water: River Waveney: Act passed to make Waveney navigable (1670), decline marked by beginning of rail travel (1852)

9. Population:

1086 — 59 recorded
1327 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 10s. 8d
1524 — 32 taxpayers paid £2. 6s.
1603 — 176 adults
1674 — 77 households
1676 — 249 adults
1801 — 580 inhabitants
1831 — 760 inhabitants
1851 — 740 inhabitants
1871 — 695 inhabitants
1901 — 726 inhabitants
1931 — 679 inhabitants
1951 — 648 inhabitants
1971 — 519 inhabitants
1981 — 562 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13. 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £20
1535 Valued £19. 11s. 3d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £317 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Frenze, Norfolk. Good residence. 6 acres glebe. Rent charge of £441. 10s. p.a. in lieu of tithes (1838)
1912 Nett value £230. 4 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir Thomas Cornwallis (1603), Sir E.C. Kerrison (1831), Dowager Lady Bateman (1912)

- 11. Church St Peter**
 (Chancel, nave, modern N. aisle, N. & S. porches, W. tower)
- 1086 2 churches + 30 acres land, ½ plough
 Circa 1300 Chancel arch
 14th cent. Tower and nave
 S. porch originally had chamber above, used as parish armory (part of suit of armor hangs over inside of S. door)
 Main feature: painted hammerbeam roof
- 1861 Restoration
 19th cent. Chancel and N. aisle
- Seats: 250**

Free Chapel St. John the Baptist

- Chapel served by 5 secular priests from Bury Abbey, ½ mile from present church (no dates)
 Yearly value £7. 15s. 2d. (1433)
- 16th cent. Dismantled
 1721 N. & S. wall of yard located

12. Nonconformity etc:

- 1603 1 recusant
 1676 3 papists, 19 nonconformists
 House set aside for worship (1714)

13. Manorial:

Palgrave Manor

- 962 Manor of 4 carucates belonging to Abby of St. Edmunds
 1554 Sir Thomas Cornwallis owns in tail male (linked to Brome and Stuston)
 19th cent. Lady Bateman owns

Note: Extent and customs (1357) to be found in MSS in British Museum

Sub Manors:

Fenhouse

- 962 Abbey of St Edmunds owns
 1762 Charles, Earl Cornwallis owns (absorbed at some time by main manor)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,995 rental value
1891	£2,817 rateable value
1912	£2,807 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1891	Land sub-divided
1912	George Symonds and Misses Goodrich, principle owners

17. Resident gentry:

1844	W. Richards, esq.
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18. Occupations:

1500-1549	1 husbandmen
1550-1599	2 yeomen, 3 weavers, 3 husbandmen, 3 wheelwrights, 1 labourer, 1 surgeon, 1 miller, 1 turner
1600-1649	10 yeomen, 1 weaver, 1 cooper, 2 linen weavers, 1 husbandman, 1 labourer, 1 tailor, 1 oatmeal maker, 1 inn holder
1650-1699	13 yeomen, 2 spinsters, 1 cooper, 1 hair weaver, 5 linen weavers, 1 husbandman, 1 wheelwright, 1 blacksmith, 1 butcher, 1 surgeon, 1 maltster, 1 glover
1831	110 in agriculture, 42 in retail trade, 10 professionals, 3 in labouring, 37 in domestic service, 12 others
1844	Shopkeeper, butcher, baker, 2 millers, 2 victuallers, tailor, carpenter, 2 shoemakers, carrier, blacksmith, plumber/glazier, florist, joiner/cabinet maker, boarding school owner, 15 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, police officer, thatcher, 9 farmers, cattle dealer, 2 far bailiffs, boot repairer, brush maker, asst. overseer, grocer, 2 carpenters, 2 road surveyors, grocer/draper, blacksmith, plumber, 2 publicans, fish dealer, registrar, plasterer, threshing machine owner, boot repairer, miller, beer retailer

19. Education:

	3 schoolmasters/tutors recorded (1585-1794) Palgrave Grammar school: founded at unknown date, closed by (1822), later became Girl Servants school
1818	National school held 1 day per week and Sundays (38 attend)
1833	3 daily schools, 1 Sunday school (32 attend)

National school (1853), enlarged (1887, 1894 and 1910)
Average attendance (1912) 130

20. Poor relief:

1776	£86. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1803	£377. 17s. 3 ¼ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£753. 9.	spent on poor relief
1830	£623. 1s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£714. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£685. 1s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate: 1840 Message called Guildhall – parish
workhouse _ 68 acres 3R and farmhouse let
at £60 p.a. applied to church repairs and
other expenses. Surplus for poor relief

Martyns Charity: 1840 Investments used for school, coals and
clothing

Doles: 1653 by will of Henry Booties: 20s. p.a.
1677 by will of John Stebbing: 10s. p.a.
Distributed bread at Christmas

22. Other institutions:

**1776 Workhouse (30 inmates)
Former Guildhall in existence (1840)
Young Mens Society and Reading room (1906)**

1912 Police officer recorded

23. Recreation:

1600-1649 1 inn holder recorded
1844/1891 The Swan Inn and The Lion public houses
1912 1 beer retailer and The Swan Inn and The Lion
public houses. Billiard Rooms and Tennis Club

24. Personal:

Thomas Martin (1696/7) known as Honest Tom Martin of Palgrave:
Antiquarian who lived in the parish (1723), author of 'History of
Thetford'

25. Other information:

'Notice of a gold pendant ornament, found at palgrave'. PSIA Vol.II p.88

Archaeological Sites:

Med. chapel (CRN 3943) (Documentary evidence)
PMed. windmill (CRN 8202)

Stray finds: Rom. coin (CRN 3944, 3945)
 I.A. pottery (CRN 8336)
 Neo. axe. (CRN 2957)
 Sax. pendant (CRN 3946)
 Preh. axe (CRN 9405)

Scatter finds: Rom. pottery (CRN 3936)
 Preh. worked bone (CRN 3942)
 Un. human bone (CRN 8337)