

1. Parish: Redlingfield

Meaning: Field/open space of Raedel's people (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:

Civil boundary change (1883)
Hartismere Petty Sessional Division
Eye County Court District

3. Area: 1,060 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a) Deep well drained sandy soil, some very acid with bleached sub surface especially under heath and woodland. Risk wind erosion
- b) Fine loam over clay soil with slowly permeable subsoil, subject to seasonal waterlogging

5. Types of farming:

1086		Wood – 50 pigs, 12 pigs, 1 cob, 24 sheep, 34 goats
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 variation of crop and management techniques include summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, clover, peas, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Small well scattered development along the Occold to Horham Road and at junction with Southolt Road. Church is separated from main settlement.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 14, 1801 – 24, 1851 – 44, 1871 – 41,
1901 – 38, 1951 – 33, 1981 – 37

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Southolt, Hrnham, Hoxne and Occold
Rail: 1891 3 ½ miles Eye station: Mellis-Eye line, opened (1867), closed for passengers (1931), closed for goods (1964)

9. Population:

1086 — 16 recorded
1327 — 16 taxpayers paid £1. 1s. 6d
1524 — 18 taxpayers paid 18s. 5d.
1603 — not recorded
1674 — 14households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 212 inhabitants
1831 — 235 inhabitants
1851 — 251 inhabitants
1871 — 189 inhabitants
1901 — 165inhabitants
1931 — 124 inhabitants
1951 — 112 inhabitants
1971 — 115 inhabitants
1981 — 108 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy

1254 Goods to the Prior of Bromholm in Wetheringsett
£1, 13s. 4d.
Goods to the Templariorum (Knights Templar) in
Gislingham
£6. 13. 4d £7. 16s. 8d.
1291 Not recorded
1535 Not recorded
1831 Curate, stipend £50 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income
£71. p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of S. Elmham All
saints with St Nicholas
Tithes commuted for £208 p.a. 56 acres glebe in
Shipmeadow (1839) valued £71 (1855)
1912 Nett value £9. 60 acres glebe

Patrons: A. Adair (1831), Capt. F.E.S. Adair (1912)

11. Church **St Andrew**
(Chancel, nave, S. porches, W. turret)

1086 Church + 12 acres land
14th cent. Main structure
15/16th cent. Tower (Held village stocks)
1873 Restoration
19th cent. Chancel

Seats: 120 (1855)

11a Other religious institutions:

Nunnery: Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Andrew

Benedictine Nuns:

1120 Founded by Manasses, Earl of Guisnes
 Nuns ad use of parish church
1514 Contained convent school. Ordained that boys should not
 sleep in the dormitory
1536 Gained by Edmund Bedingfield
1537 Priory suppressed. Then holding 7 religious, 2 priests and
 21 servants. Valued £67. 1 ½ d.
 Remains: S. of church. Barn and part of farmhouse

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

Redlingfield Manor

1066 Manor of 3 carucates held by Aelfric under patronage of
 Edric
1086 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Robert Malet
1120 Manasses de Gratia, Early of Guisnes owns. Built
 Benedictine nunnery on this manor, Prioress claimed
 view of frankpledge and assize of bread and beer
1536 Edmund Bedingfield owns (linked to Eye)
Circa 1787 William Adair owns (linked to Cratfield)
19th cent. Sir F.E.S. Adair owns (linked to Bungay)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,020 rental value
1891 £1,116 rateable value

1912 £662 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 William Adair, principle owner
1891 Lord Waveney, principle owner
1912 Capt. Sir F.E.S. Adair, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680 1 gentleman

18. Occupations:

1550-1599 4 yeoman
1600-1649 2 yeoman
1650-1699 5 yeoman, 1 glazier, 1 labourer
1831 41 in agriculture, 7 in retail trade, 17 in domestic service,
3 others
1844 2 wheelwrights, carpenter, blacksmith, miller/beerhouse
keeper, 8 farmers
1912 8 farmers, wheelwright, publican, blacksmith

19. Education:

1 daily school (10 attend)
School built (1872), 30 attend, average attendance (1912) 31
School Council formed (1903)

20. Poor relief:

1776	£88. 3s. 5d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£269. 8s. 5 d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£385. 10s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£277. 8s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£265.	spent on poor relief
1834	£212. 16s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate: 1840 40 acres let at £45 p.a. applied to church
repairs and maintenance of the poor

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844 1 beerhouse
1891/1912 The Crown Inn public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

'Nunnery of Redlingfield: Inventory (1536)'. PSIA Vol.VIII p.95

Archaeological Sites:

Med. moated sites (CRN 4024

Med. convent (CRN 4025)