

1. Parish: Rishangles

Meaning: Brushwood hill or slope

County: Suffolk

2. **Hundred:** Hartismere

Deanery: Hartismere (–1897), Hartismere (South) (1897–1931), S. Hartismere (1931–1972), Stowmarket (1972–)

Union: Hartismere

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

Other administrative details:

Abolished ecclesiastically to create Thorndon and Rishangles 1972, Hartismere Petty Sessional Division Eye County Court District

3. **Area:** 721 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Fine loam over clay soil with slowly permeable subsoil. The whole subject to seasonal waterlogging.

5. Types of farming:

1086 Wood for 126 pigs, 2 cobs, 7 pigs, 7 cattle, 30 goats
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, pats.
1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Small scattered development. Main concentration of habitation at junction where the roads to Bedingfield, Aspall and Thorndon meet. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 13, 1801 – 31, 1851 – 51, 1871 – 48, 1901 – 38, 1951 – 33, 1981 – 30

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Bedingfield, Aspall and Thorndon
1844 Carrier to Ipswich Thursday and Friday
1891 1 carrier
1912 Carrier to Eye passes through Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 4 miles Eye station: Mellis–Eye line opened 1867, closed for passengers 1931, closed for goods 1964

9. Population:

1086 – 17 recorded
1327 – 17 taxpayers paid £1 3s. 8d.
1524 – 9 taxpayers paid £0 14s. 4d.
1603 – 44 adults
1674 – 15 households
1676 – 43 adults
1801 – 192 inhabitants
1831 – 242 inhabitants
1851 – 279 inhabitants
1871 – 199 inhabitants
1901 – 155 inhabitants
1931 – 117 inhabitants
1951 – 121 inhabitants
1971 – 81 inhabitants
1981 – 87 inhabitants

10. Benefice:

1254 Valued £6
1291 Valued £8
1535 Valued £7 13s. 1½ d.
1831 Curate, stipend £62 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £332 p.a. Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Bickenhill, Warwickshire
Valued £323 1835
Rectory house built 1849/50
72 acres 23P glebe. Tithes commuted for £185 p.a. 1855
1912 Nett value £160. 72 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Edward Grympson (1603), C.T. Eliers (1831), Incumbent (1855), Lt. Col. E.S. Cunliffe (1912)

11. Church St. Margaret

(Chancel, modern N. vestry, nave, N. & S. porches, embattled W. tower)

1086 Church + 20 acres, 1 plough
Norman Windows to nave

Late 12th S. and N. doorways to nave (stoup inside S. doorway)
 1643/44 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed one step
 1858 Smugglers cache containing remains of kegs and bottles found under pulpit.
 1971 Made redundant
 1976 Church put up for sale
 1982 Overgrown, dilapidated with hole in roof.

Seats: 150 (1855)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Baptist church built 1849, rebuilt 1862, seats 450. Methodist chapel (no dates).

13. Manorial:

Rishangles Manor

1066 Manor of 220 acres held by Wulfeva under patronage of Stigand
 1086 Manor of 220 acres belonging to Robert Malet
 12th cent. Sir Robert Sackville held of the Honour of Eye (linked to Mellis)
 1302 Bryan de Hickling owns (linked to Mellis)
 c.1386 Vested in Redlingfield Nunnery
 1540 William Tyrrell owns
 1665 Revett family owns
 c.1720 Vernon family owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £582 rental value
 1891 £936 rateable value
 1912 £694 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912: Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1679 Grimston, gent. and John Revet, gent
 1912 Rev. W.F. Cobb, DD

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 yeoman, 1 painter

1550–1599	3 yeoman, 2 husbandmen, 1 carpenter
1600–1649	2 yeomen, 1 clerk, 1 rector
1650–1699	4 yeomen, 1 clerk
1831	48 in agriculture, 9 in retail trade, 1 in labouring, 8 in domestic service,
1844	Coachmaker/blacksmith, shoemaker, schoolmaster, carrier, victualler, miller, 7 farmers
1912	8 farmers, wheelwright, basket maker, publican

19. Education:

1833	3 infants schools (20 attend), 1 Sunday school (35 attend)
1912	Children attend school in Aspall, Thorndon or Occold

20. Poor relief:

1776	£64 0s. 10d.
1803	£67 10s. 9d.
1818	£60 1s.
1830	£148 11s.
1832	£197 6s.
1834	£180 15s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

Village Hall 1921

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The Swan Inn public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information: