

**1. Parish: Stonham Parva (formerly Stonham Jernegans)
otherwise Little Stonham**

Meaning: Meadow/enclosure by/with a stone or stony ground

2. Hundred: Bosmere (–1327), Bosmere and Claydon

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Union: Bosmere and Claydon

RDC/UDC: Bosmere and Claydon R.D. (1894–1934), Gipping R.D. (1934–1974), Mid. Suffolk D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Stowmarket County Court District

3. Area: 1,202 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
b. Some permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. Types of farming:

1086		Earl Stonham and Little Stonham: 33½ acres meadow, for for 245 pigs, woodland of 1½ acres, 26 cattle, 140 pigs, 256 sheep, 73 goats, part of a mill, 6 cobs
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:	Cereals
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Main Ipswich–Norwich road (Roman road: Colchester–Caister) crosses parish from N–S with some settlement along its length. Further small settlement along length of link road to church (adjacent to hall).
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 33, 1801 – 32, 1851 – 80,
1871 – 75, 1901 – 72, 1951 – 93,
1981 – 90

8. Communications:

Road: Ipswich–Norwich Road (turnpike)
1844 Letters dispatched to Ipswich, Colchester and London and Norwich daily
1912 Carriers to Ipswich Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 3½ miles Needham Market station: Ipswich–Bury St. Edmunds line opened 1845, station closed 1967, re-opened 1971

9. Population:

1086 – 143 recorded (includes Earl Stonham)
1327 – 16 taxpayers paid £1 17s. 6d.
1524 – 24 taxpayers paid £3 15s. 2d.
1603 – 80 adults
1674 – 34 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 257 inhabitants
1831 – 329 inhabitants
1851 – 402 inhabitants
1871 – 336 inhabitants
1901 – 310 inhabitants
1931 – 324 inhabitants
1951 – 321 inhabitants
1971 – 277 inhabitants
1981 – 244 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £9 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £10
1535 Valued £9 17s. 8½d.
1603 Valued £9 18s. 0½d.
1831 Curate, stipend £70 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income £360 p.a.
Modus of £330/420 p.a. in lieu of tithes 1842

1844	32 acres glebe
1891	Valued £400
1912	Nett value £230 p.a. 30 acres glebe and residence
Patrons:	Thomas Goodwin (1603), William Haydon (1844), Mrs. C. Bevan (1831), Coyte family (1891), A.E. Hickman (1912)

11. Church

Stonham

1086	3 rd part of church + 5 acres (2 identical entries) 3 rd part of church + 4 acres, 2 churches + 3 acres, church + 7½ acres valued 15d. 4 th part of church + 7½ acres valued 15d., church + 16 acres ½ plough, church 20 acres (9 men granted there for their souls)
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St. Mary

(Chancel, clerestoried nave, S. aisle, porch, W. tower)

14 th /15 th cent.	Main structure including tower
18 th cent.	W. gallery
1866	Restoration
	Seats: 150 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1891	Baptist chapel. Seats 300 (1912)
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13. Manorial:

1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Brown
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Roger Bigot and held by Warengar
1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Wulfric a thane
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Wulfmer a thane under patronage of Harold
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Aelfled under patronage of Harold
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Poitou
1066	Manor of 40 acres held by Wulfwin a free man under patronage of Wulfmer
1086	Manor of 40 acres belonging to Roger of Poitou
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfward a free man
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Abbot of St. Edmunds

	and held by Ailbold the priest
1066	Manor of 20 acres held by Leofwin a free man under patronage of Edric of Laxfield
1086	Manor of 20 acres belonging to Bishop of Bayeux and held by Roger Bigot
1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Wulfric a free man under patronage of Abbot of Ely
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Bishop of Bayeux
1066	Manor of 90 acres held by Aelfric a free man of Edric
1086	Manor of 90 acres belonging to Judiceal the priest

Stonham Parva/Stonham Jernegan's

1239	Sir Hubert Jernegan died seised
1565	Henry Turnour owns
1570	Anna Godwyn owns
1656	Lady Penelope Hervey owns (linked to Coddtenham)
1764	Francis Vernon owns (linked to Little Blakenham)
1836	William F.F. Middleton owns (linked to Claydon, Coddtenham, Darmsden, Gosbeck, Creting All Saints and Crowfield)
1909	Lord de Saumarez owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

Sub-Manors:

Flude Hall/Flede Hall cum Waltham Hall/Walham Hall

1438	Robert Crane owns (linked to Gislingham, Mendlesham, Debenham and Higham)
c.1764	Francis Vernon owns (absorbed by main manor)
1855	William Parry owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£1,564 rental value
1891	£1,782 rateable value
1912	£1,686 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Stonham: Mr. Bloomfield
1891	Rev. W.B. Coyte MA

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	1 husbandman
1600–1649	2 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1650–1699	7 yeomen, 1 woollen draper, 1 cooper, 1 clerk, 2 innholders
1831	56 in agriculture, 13 in retail trade, 1 professional, 14 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	Post office, school teacher, shopkeeper, blacksmith, brewer/maltster/corn merchant/brick and tile maker, 2 victuallers, police officer, wheelwright, brewer, carpenter, 6 farmers
1891	Large malting establishment
1912	Sub-postmistress, teacher, 7 farmers, thatcher, bricklayer, shopkeeper, carter, shoeing/general smith, wheelwright, carrier, insurance agent, maltster, 2 publicans, carpenter

19. Education:

1818	1 school 1 girls' school (21 educated and clothed), 1 Sunday school (160 attend)
1833	1 daily school (20 attend), 1 Sunday school (60 attend)
1844	Parish school supported by subscription
1891	New parish school recorded
	Public Elementary School built 1887 average attendance 1912 70

20. Poor relief:

1776	£57 7s. 2d.
1803	£71 6s. 7½d.
1818	£202 6s.
1830	£238 17s.
1832	£287 13s.
1834	£384 14s.

21. Charities:

Beale's Trust

1481	by will of Rev. John Beele/Beale: land and property including the Magpie Inn. Rents applied to repairs to property and highways.
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Gowles Charity

1523	by will of Margaret Gowle: land (approx. 15 acres) in Chilton, Stowmarket let at £20 p.a. applied to purchase of coals for poor in winter.
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Town Farm: Gibsons Charity: Blomfields Charity:

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| 1483 | by will of Thomas Crowe: tenement called Rawlyns-a-Thorn |
| 1597 | by will of Barnaby Gibson: cottage and pightle called Black Acre |
| 1685 | by gift of William Bloomfield: land called Town Pieces apportioned for providing bread for the poor |
| 1840 | house, barn, outbuildings + 37 acres 1R 6P let at £56 p.a. Double cottage let at £5 10s. Applied to church repairs, purchase of bread. |

Mouse's Gift:

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| 1840 | by gift of Gilbert Mouse: £1 p.a. from rents of Town Farm applied to provision of bread to the poor |
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Constable's Pightle:

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| 1840 | 3R 38P let at £1 6s. p.a. rents applied via churchwardens accounts |
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Devereux's Charity:

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| 1685 | by will of Robert Devereux: interest on £10 for poor relief |
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22. Other institutions:

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| 1844 | Superintendent of police listed |
| 1912 | Mutual Benefit Society |

23. Recreation:

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| 1844 | The Magpie public house also houses post office (known as Stonham Pie) ancient establishment probably dating from 1481 |
| 1891/1912 | The Magpie and The Brewers Arms public houses |

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Public house wrought iron 18th cent. sign to the Magpie Inn suspended across main road from wooden frame. Refurbished 1983.

Local dispute created between Rev. Barlee and Edgar Harvey. The Rev. disapproved of the latter singing in church, he therefore forbade any singing and locked the gallery. Edgar Harvey however disobeyed the rule and the Rev. brought a charge of disorderly behaviour against him. It was referred to Ipswich Quarter Sessions. The case provoked a

reaction in the village resulting in a boycott of the church for more than a year and a village outing to the court hearing. 19th cent.

Read Hall: Med. manor house dating from 15th cent. originally a hall house. Additions made 1601. Grade II listed. Partly moated.

Clock House: 14th cent. maintains original crown post truss of hall. Horizontally sub-divided c.1600.

Magpie Public House: described as containing 2 parlours with chambers over, kitchen, low lodging room, brewhouse + 4 chambers over, 1 room with cheese-press, dairy, gatehouse, little drinking room, 1 stall, 1 barn, 1 fuel house, 1 woodhouse, hog house, hog style 1696. Said to be in bad state of repair 1840.