

1. Parish: Stradishall

Meaning: Shelter on the road

2. **Hundred:** Risbridge

Deanery: Clare

Union: Risbridge

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Clare RD (–1974), St Edmundsbury DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Risbridge Petty Sessional Division
Haverhill County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,404 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b. Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sand soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel, slight risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

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. Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop.
1818	Marshall:	Wide variation of crops and management techniques including summer fallow and preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Seeds, wheat, barley, oats, peas, beans.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Small compact development around centrally situated church. The area to the S. and SW. appear covered by plantation. Secondary development at Farley Green. Airfield intrudes into parish at SW. corner and probably influenced development in this area

Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 51, 1801 – 65, 1851 – 101, 1871 – 97,
1901 – 75, 1951 – 70, 1981 – 128

8. Communications:

Road: To Wickhambrook, Hundon, Gt. Thurlow, Denston and Cowlinge,
1891 **Carrier:** to and from Clare on Friday passes through to
Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 5½ miles Clare station: Cambridge–Sudbury line
opened 1865, closed for goods 1966, became
unmanned halt, closed for passengers 1967

Air: R.A.F station opened Feb.1938, closed 1970,
converted to Highpoint Prison 1977

9. Population:

1086 – Domesday vill of Farley: 18 recorded
1327 – 19 taxpayers paid £2 13s. 8d. (includes Denston)
1524 – 35 taxpayers paid £3 6s. 6d.
1603 – 120 adults
1674 – 89 households
1676 – 239 adults
1801 – 460 inhabitants
1831 – 393 inhabitants
1851 – 430 inhabitants
1871 – 425 inhabitants
1901 – 299 inhabitants
1931 – 246 inhabitants
1951 – 1,327 inhabitants
1971 – 247 inhabitants
1981 – 388 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £10 0s. 0d.
Portion of Prior of Tunebgge (Tunbridge) £0 6s. 8d.
£10 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued at £10 0s. 0d.
1535 Valued £9 11s. 0d.
1831 1 curate, stipend £50 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income £335 p.a.
Modus of £365 p.a. awarded + 52 acres glebe 1840
Valued £300 1873
1912 Nett value £200 p.a. + 40 acres of glebe and residence

Patrons: The King (1603), Sir R. Harland (1831), Rev W. Evans (1873),
Rev. D. Morgan-Kirby (1891), Thomas Bower (1912)

11. Church St. Margaret
(Chancel, nave, aisles, S porch, W. tower)

1086	Church + 30 acres, value 5s.
c.1300	Tower
14 th cent.	Main structure
15 th cent.	Clerestory and S. porch
c.1907	Thorough restoration

Seats: 50 appropriated, 320 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1611	1 person negligent in receiving communion at Easter
c.1644/46	Rev. William Proctor ejected by Suffolk Committee for Scandalous Ministers
1676	3 nonconformists. 2 religious martyrs 1558
1600–1843	5 houses set aside for worship
	Congregational chapel built 1897 seats 130
	Old workhouse converted into Wesleyan chapel 1843

13. Manorial:

–15 th cent.	de Clare family (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk) Became linked to Hundon manor possibly under John Choke c.1549
1556	Duchy of Lancaster owns
1603	John Erskine owns (linked to Hundon)
1756	James Vernon owns (linked to Hundon)
1909	Thomas Bower owns

Sub-Manors

Cockrell's al Fusters

1506	Sir Robert Broughton died seised (linked to Stansfield)
1562	Possibly owned by Sir William Willoughby (unsubstantiated)

Shardelowes

c.1391	Sir John Shardelowe owns (linked to Trimley St. Martin)
1433	Sir Thomas Brewse owns (linked to Little Wenham)
c.1494	Thomas Shrevyn / Scriven owns

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,524 rental value
1891	£1,435 rateable value
1912	£1,241 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Land sub-divided
1891	Trustees J.W. Green and T.E. Spackman, principal owners
1912	T. Bower principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1680	1 gents
1891	R.J. Deakins
1912	T. Bower JP

18. Occupations:

1500–1549	1 butcher
1550–1599	1 butcher, 2 clerks, 1 baker, 2 yeoman, 3 husbandmen, 2 labourers, 1 joiner, 1 sawyer
1600–1649	1 butcher, 1 shoemaker, 1 clerk, 3 carpenters, 19 yeomen, 6 husbandmen, 2 tailors, 1 weaver, 1 labourer, 1 ploughwright, 1 gelder, 1 spinster
1650 – 1699	2 butchers, 1 clerk, 4 carpenters, 13 yeoman, 2 husbandmen, 1 miller, 1 tanner, 1 cooper, 1 webster (female weaver),
1831	88 in agriculture, 16 in retail trade, 8 in domestic service, 1 other
1844	2 shopkeepers, farm steward, wheelwright, tailor, shoemaker, victualler, corn miller, maltster
1912	Sub–postmaster, school mistress, 6 farmers, beer retailer, blacksmith, publican / horse slaughterer, gardener, farm bailiff

19. Education:

1818	1 Sunday school (64 attend) School board established 1880. School built in same year for 75 pupils, average attendance 1912 56
1891	Boarding school mistress listed

20. Poor relief:

1776	£101 5s. 8d.
1803	£335 17s. 10d.
1818	£335 7s. 0d.
1830	£545 18s. 0d.
1832	£554 14s.0d.
1834	£364 3s. 0d.

21. Charities:

Hoult's Charity / Poor's Land

1573	by will of John Hoult. Tenement (double cottage) next to mansion house for habitation of 2 poor men and women + £3 p.a. for their benefit
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	Circa 1813 building (being in bad repair) fell down (expected to be rebuilt by 1842)
1840	Poor's Land: 5 acres 3R let at £7 p.a.

Vernon's Charity

1840	£10 p.a. to workhouse in Stradishall
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Lost Charity

1786	Rent-charge of 8s. payable to the poor.
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22. Other institutions:

1389	Fraternity of St. Margaret
1474	Repair to Guildhall recorded
Workhouse:	Recorded in Parish clerk/constables accounts 1825–1858
1843	Converted to Wesleyan chapel. 16 inmates 1776
Town House:	now known as 'Weavers'
Almshouses:	established 1584 by will of John Hoult. Fell down 1813
1977	Highpoint Prison opened.

23. Recreation:

1844	The Fox and Hounds public house (deeds date from 1764)
1891/1912	The Hound public house, 1 beerhouse
1986	The Hound public house closed.

24. Personal:

John and Henry David:	Burned at Bury St Edmunds 1558 for their religious beliefs, under writ of Sir Clement Heigham (2 weeks prior to Queen Mary's death)
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25. Other information:

'Weavers': 16th/17th cent. building (originally 3 cottages) Grade II listed.
Former Town House

Incident attributed to Swing Riots 1830