

1. Parish: Stuston

Meaning: Stut's enclosure (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: 802 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed: a) Deep sandy soil, some very acid with bleached subsurface especially under heath and woodland. Risk of wind erosion. Some aff
b) Some deep peat soil with clay over sandy soil. Risk of flooding

5. Types of farming:

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| 1500–1640 | Thirsk: | Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop |
| 1818 | Marshall: | Management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass |
| 1937 | Main crops: | Wheat, barley |
| 1969 | Trist: | Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots |

6. Enclosure:

1848 Unknown acreage enclosed under General Act (1845)

7. Settlement:

1958 Small elongated development along Wortham Road. Church and rectory on edge of development. Eastern

boundary follow line of Roman road while northern
boundary is formed by River Waveney
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 21, 1801 – 31, 1851 – 37, 1871 – 54,
1901 – 45, 1951 – 58, 1981 – 59

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Wortham, Diss and Brome
Rail: 1891 2 miles Diss station: Ipswich – Norwich line, open
(1849), still operational
Water: River Waveney: Act passed to make Waveney navigable
(1670), declined marked by beginning of rail travel

9. Population:

1086 — 18 ½ recorded
1327 — 19 taxpayers paid £1. 10s. 1d
1524 — 16 taxpayers paid £1. 16s. 10d.
1603 — 91 adults
1674 — 27 households
1676 — 105 adults
1801 — 180 inhabitants
1831 — 212 inhabitants
1851 — 241 inhabitants
1871 — 213 inhabitants
1901 — 216 inhabitants
1931 — 177 inhabitants
1951 — 187 inhabitants
1971 — 143 inhabitants
1981 — 142 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £4. 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £6. 16s. 1d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £175 p.a.
Residence repaired and modernized (1835)
Valued £209. 18 acres glebe, good residence (1855)
1912 Nett value £136. 16 acres glebe and residence

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

11. Church All Saints
(Chancel, nave, N. transept, N. porches, W. tower-
circular base)

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| 1086 | Church + 24 acres land, valued 4s. and ½ acrs meadow (part of Oakley) |
| Norman | Tower with (14 th cent.) top |
| 15 th cent. | Chancel (over restored) |
| 1860 | Restoration. N. transept added |

Seats: 150 (1855)

12. Nonconformity etc:

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| 1603 | 2 recusants |
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13. Manorial:

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| 1066 | Manor of 2 carucates held by Wulfsi under patronage of Gyrth |
| 1086 | Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Ralph of Fougères |

Faucons al Fakons/Falcons

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| Early date | Appropriate to Flixton Nunnery or St. Mary South Elmham |
| 1544 | Sir Thomas Cornwallis owns (linked to Palgrave and Brome) |
| 19 th cent. | Lady Bateman owns |

Sub Manors:

Bezillers/Boylands

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| circa 13 th Cent. | Ranulph, Earl of Chester owns |
| 1374 | Blenerhasset family owns (linked Tuddenham St. Martin) |
| 1548 | Sir Thomas Cornwallis owns (absorbed by main manor) |

Beauchamps

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| circa 1302 | Brian de Hickling owns (linked to Mellis and Rishangles) |
| No date | John Cornwallis (absorbed at some point by main manor) |

Hugh/Hoo Margaret's al Stuston Hall

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| 1331 | John de Hoo owns |
| circa 1580 | Bedingfield family owns |
| 1764 | Sold to Christ's Hospital where it remains |

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

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| 1844 | £2,768 rental value |
| 1891 | £3,546 rateable value |

1912 £2,566 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1674 1 Knight
1844 Rev. W. Chenery MA and O. Tippell, gent
1912 Rev. E.R. Borthwick MA, Capt. R.B. Clarke and Cap.
 G.A.F. Hervey

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 husbandman
1550-1599 1 yeoman, 1 clerk, 1 cooper, 2 husbandmen, 1 parson
1600-1649 1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1650-1699 4 yeomen, 1 clerk, linen weaver, 1 tiller
1831 41 in agriculture, 10 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 3 in
 labouring, 14 in domestic service
1844 Blacksmith, carpenter, 3 farmers, victualler
1912 Sub-postmaster, 3 farmers, brick/tile maker, coach
 builder, shopkeeper, auctioneer, publican

19. Education:

 2 schoolmaster/tutors recorded (1623-1655)
1833 1 day school (36 attend)
 1 schoolmistress recorded (1855)
 1 small school established (1891) closed (1912). Children
 attend school in Palgrave or Diss

20. Poor relief:

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| 1776 | £59. 13s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1803 | £167. 5s. 6d. | spent on poor relief |
| 1818 | £282. 18s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1830 | £299. 7s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1832 | £208. 3s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1834 | £205. 16s. | spent on poor relief |

21. Charities:

Bosworth Charity:

1710 by Deed of Elizabeth Bosworth: 4 acres, rents and profits
 to benefit of rector and poor relief
1840 Two amounts of 5s. distributed as above

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

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| 1844-1912 | The Swan public house |
| 1912 | Diss Golf Course established on the Common |

24. Personal:

William Broome LL.D. : (1713) Rector of this parish, 'poet of some celebrity' and translator of Homer's 'Odyssey'

25. Other information:

Stuston Hall erected by Richard Nix, Bishop of Norwich (16th cent.)

Stuston Lodge destroyed by fire (1974)

Archaeological Sites:

Rom. road (CRN 3930, 3940)
Med. moated sites (CRN 3931)
Rom. excavation/coin (CRN 3932)
B.A. pottery production site (CRN 3933)
Un. enclosure (CRN 3934)
Med. rectangular enclosure (CRN 1622)

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| Stray finds: | B.A. knife (CRN 845) |
| | Neo. worked flint (CRN 3941) |
| | Rom. pottery (CRN 9015) |

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| Scatter finds: | Neo. worked flint (CRN 3929, 3925, 3938) |
| | Rom. pottery (CRN 8884, 7540, 3937, 3939) |
| | Med. pottery (CRN 1623) |