

## 1. Parish: Thorndon All Saints

**Meaning:** Hill where thorns grew

2. **Hundred:** Hartismere

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

**Union:** Hartismere

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

### Other administrative details:

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

3. **Area:** 2,723 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Fine loam over clay soil with slowly permeable subsoil. Subject to seasonal waterlogging, gravel subsoil.

### 5. Types of farming:

1086 Wood for 128 pigs, 31 pigs, 2 cobs, 15 cattle, 24 sheep.  
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, oats, beans.  
1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

### 6. Enclosure:

1852 Green believed to have been enclosed (no further information).

### 7. Settlement:

1958 Elongated development along the Rishangles and Wetheringsett roads with secondary development at Standwell Green. Church centrally situated at road junction.  
Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 45, 1801 – 63, 1851 – 140, 1871 – 136,  
1901 – 115, 1951 – 115, 1981 – 180

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** To Wetheringsett, Eye, Rishangles and Aspall.  
1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Saturday.  
**Rail:** 1891 3 miles Eye station: Mellis–Eye line, opened 1867,  
closed for passengers 1931, closed for goods 1964.

**9. Population:**

1086 – 46 recorded  
1327 – 24 taxpayers paid £2 15s. 5d.  
1524 – 37 taxpayers paid £2 0s. 4d.  
1603 – not recorded  
1674 – 50 households  
1676 – 73 adults  
1801 – 526 inhabitants  
1831 – 696 inhabitants  
1851 – 725 inhabitants  
1871 – 701 inhabitants  
1901 – 550 inhabitants  
1931 – 442 inhabitants  
1951 – 460 inhabitants  
1971 – 471 inhabitants  
1981 – 554 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254	Valued £20. Portion to Prior of Eye 13s. 4d.	£20 13s. 4d.
1291	Valued £26 13s. 4d. Pension to Prior of Eye 13s. 4d.	£27 6s. 8d.
1535	Valued £54 11s. 10½d.	
1603	Valued £24 11s. 10½d.	
1831	Glebe house. Gross income £642 p.a. 77 acres glebe. Rent charge of £711 12s. 2d. in lieu of tithes. Residence near church 1839.	
1912	Nett value £457. 73 acres glebe and residence.	

**Patrons:** Mr. Pretteman (1603), T. Hawes (1831), Incumbent (1855),  
Mrs. M. Reynolds (1912)

**11. Church All Saints**

(Chancel, nave, S. tower, (nearly central))

1086 Church + 50 acres free land, 1 plough, 1 acre meadow.  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. Nave doorway/arched tomb recess.  
Arms of the Earls of Ufford – NW tower buttress.  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Tower (stoup inside tower entrance).

1866 Some repairs.  
1870 Thorough restoration.

**Seats:** 400 (1855)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

Rector sequestered 1643.  
Dwelling house set aside for worship 1818.

**13. Manorial:**

**Thorndon Manor:**

1066 Manor of 3 carucates 40 acres held by Wulfeva under patronage of Stigand.  
1086 Manor of 3 carucates 40 acres belonging to Robert Malet (Copinger states 2 manors, the other being of 30 acres also belonging to Robert Malet).  
1320 Granted in dower to Isabel, Queen of England.  
1337 Robert de Ufford owns (linked to Ufford).  
1538 Charles Brandon owns (linked to numerous manors through Suffolk).  
1615 Sir John Pretymann owns.  
1764 Rowland Holt owns (linked to Rishangles).

**Sub-Manors:**

**Godrich's Thorpe al Claxton Hall al Colston Hall al Lampets:**

1312 John Lampet owns.  
1588 William Smythe owns.  
1608 John Lavyle owns.  
1617 John Jeggan, Master of Bennett College, Cambridge and Bishop of Norwich owns.

**Hesteley Hall:**

13<sup>th</sup> cent. Sir Adam de Bedingfield owns.  
1563 John Pretymann owns (absorbed by main manor).  
1837 Hayward family owns (linked to Rishangles).

**Thorndon Parva:**

No dates Col. Nathaniel Barnardiston owns (linked to Alpheton and Sudbury).  
Note: Copinger mentions another small manor belonging to the Rector of Thorndon – no name or other details given.

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

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:**

1680	2 gentlemen
1844	J. Hayward, gent and chief constable
1912	S. Hawes. JP

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1549	1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1550–1599	4 yeomen, 11 husbandmen, 1 shoemaker, 1 spinster
1600–1649	6 yeomen, 7 husbandmen, 1 spinster
1650–1699	9 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 linen weaver, 1 shoemaker, 1 cordwainer, 1 tailor, 2 spinsters, 1 labourer, 1 maltster, 1 clerk
1831	131 in agriculture, 32 in retail trade, 1 professional, 1 in domestic service, 12 others
1844	Grocer/drapers, 2 blacksmiths, 2 wheelwrights, 2 beerhouse keepers, 2 carpenters, victualler, tailor, chief constable, miller/grocer, bricklayer, 2 shoemakers, 16 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, police officer, wheelwright/smith, 18 farmers, publican, registrar, grocer/drapers, carpenter, poultry dealer, tailor, blacksmith, land steward, Reformatory master, miller, grocer, pork butcher

**19. Education:**

1818	Sunday school (15 attend)
1833	1 infants school (18 attend), 1 day school (20 attend), 1 Sunday school (90 attend) Reformatory for 25 boys established 1856 by Sir E.C. Kerrison. Enlarged 1858 to accommodate an additional 20 pupils. Destroyed by fire 1867, rebuilt 1868, held 81 boys 1891. Taken over by County 1887, 110 inmates 1912. National school established 1894 on site of old workhouse (90 attend), enlarged 1911, average attendance 1912 105.

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£185 15s. 4d.
1803	£417 6s. 9d.
1818	£1,339 2s.
1830	£1,232 17s.
1832	£1,271 13s.
1834	£976 6s.

**21. Charities:**

**Town Estate:**

1840 Workhouse, yard and cottage. Land 94 acres 2R.  
Rent and profits to church repairs and maintenance of  
poor (£147 18s. 6d. p.a.).

**Cullums Dole/ Lee's Charity:**

1840 £4 distributed in bread.

**22. Other institutions:**

1454	Guild of Holy Trinity.
1840	Workhouse in existence.
1844	Fire Engine bought by subscription.
1912	Police officer.

**23. Recreation:**

1844	2 beerhouses, The Black Horse public house.
1891/1912	The Black Horse public house.
1912	Reading room.

**24. Personal:**

'John of Gaunt's 1340–1399 Connection with Thorndon' by Rec. H.A.  
Harris. PSIA Vol.XXIII, p.177.

**25. Other information:**

1981 Kerrison Community Home held its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

'Restoration and Reconstruction of All Saints, Thorndon' by Rev. H.A. Garrus,  
PSIA Vol.XXI, p.53.

'Thorndon Lions and other symbols'. PSIA Vol. XVI, p.49.

'Thorndon Before the Conquest' by Rev. H.A. Harris. PSIA Vol. XVIII, p.222.