

1. Parish: Ilketshall St. Margaret

Meaning: Ulfetill's/Ulfcytel's village (Ulfcytel was alderman of East Anglia)

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (early in South Elmham) (-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

Union: Wangford

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Wangford RD (1894-1934), Wainford RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,097 acres

4. **Soils:**

Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086	Ilketshall	Wood for 60 pigs, 5 pigs 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing in 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, turnips
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

It has been suggested that the four parishes that make up the Ilketshalls were laid out as a unit with arrangements for inter-commoning

1961 Settlement around church, school and vicarage.
Straggles along the Moles Road link with South Elmham
St. Peters. To the Ilketshall St. John/Ilketshall St.
Lawrence road. Airfield intrudes into NW. Corner of
parish.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 27, 1801 – 35, 1851 – 67, 1871 – 65,
1901 – 59, 1951 – 61, 1981 – 51

8. **Communications:**

Road: Road to Bungay, Flixton and Ilketshall St. John
Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for
several months of the year (18th cent.)
Busses passes through Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
from Halesworth to Bungay (1937)

Air: Flixton airfield built (1942) for USAF heavy bombers, last
mission flown April 25th 1945, used for bomb storage (1944-
45), sold (1961)
Perimeter track and runways still remaining. Martlesham
Parachute. Club moved in and operates most weekends
(1977)

9. **Population:**

1086 — Ilketshall : 82 recorded
1327 — Ilketshall: 83 taxpayers paid £4. 14s.
1524 — 22 taxpayers paid £1. 5s. 8d.
1603 — 96 adults
1674 — 30 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 295 inhabitants
1831 — 309 inhabitants
1851 — 306 inhabitants
1871 — 295 inhabitants
1901 — 250 inhabitants
1931 — 208 inhabitants
1951 — 225 inhabitants
1971 — 115 inhabitants
1981 — 142 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Vicarage**

1254 Valued £2.
1291 Valued £4. 6s. 8d.
circa 1300 Appropriated by Prioress of Bungay
1535 Valued £5. 13s. 9d.
Vicarage built (1554)

1831 Curate, stipend £51 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income £131 p.a. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Capel, Surrey.
Tithes commuted. Gt. Tithes for rent charge of £528, small tithes for rent charge of £121. 10s. (1831)
40 acres 23P glebe land. £15 p.a. payable to Rector of Ilketshall St. John (1846)

1912 Nett value £134. 40 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Prioress/Convent of Bungay (1313-1541), Howard family (1554-1572), Duke of Somerset (1694), John Anstis (1731), Valentine Lumley (1755), Duke of Norfolk (1794-1812), Patterson (1831), Duke of Norfolk (1912)

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

Norman Tower: suspected Saxon base
Main structure
S. doorway to chancel: suspected 18th century Gothic

Seats : 170 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1663 Minister ejected

13. Manorial:

Ilketshall Manor (Includes parishes of St. Andrew, St. John, St. Lawrence, St. Margaret, All Saints Mettingham, St. Mary and Holy Trinity, Bungay)

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in Hands of Wulfsi under patronage of Gyrth

1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Alwy under patronage of Wulfsi

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Burghard

12th cent. Ilketshall family owns

14th cent. de Norwich family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

1362 Linked to Dalham Manor

1541 Sir Thomas Denny owns

Sub Manors:

Wellington's

1371 Sir John Howard owns

Ilketshall Bardolph's

1323	Held under the Honor of Lancaster
1377	Sir W. Bardolf, Lord Bardolf of Wirmegay owns (linked to Clopton)
1518	Crown holds in hands of Sir Richard Wingfield at rent of 1 penny p.a.
1545	Sir John Rous owns (linked to Henham)
1804	Joseph Windham owns

Sherlock's

1458	Roger Rookwood owns (linked to Euston)
1564	Sir James Calthorpe owns

St. Andrew

1281	James de Ilketshall owns
Early 16 th cent.	George Duke owns
1563	Sir Nicholas Bacon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1846	Rev. Jeremy Day owns

Elli's and Strattons (thought to include part of Lt. Redisham)

1275	Peter Fitz Osbert owns
15 th cent.	Goneld family owns
1422	Thomas Croftes of Beccles owns
1476	Thomas Duke owns (linked to Shadingfield and Benhall)
1742	Rev. Thomas Tanner of London owns (linked to Redisham)

Lions

1286	Abbot of West Dereham, Norfolk owns
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14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,374 rental value
1891	£2,163 rateable value
1912	£1,218 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912	Land sub-divided
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17. Resident gentry:

1686 Charles Cook

18. Occupations:

1500-1599 1 weaver
Ilketshall: 8 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600-1649 8 yeomen, 4 husbandmen
1650-1699 1 yeoman, 1 cordwinder, 1 linen weaver, 1 butcher
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1831 69 in agriculture, 11 in retail trade, 19 in domestic service,
3 others
1844 1 blacksmith, 3 shopkeepers, 1 horsebreaker/victualler, 1
shoemaker, 1 tailor, 20 farmers
1912 1 sub-postmistress, 1 teacher, 15 farmers, 2
shopkeepers, 1 publican, 1 carpenter

19. Education:

1833 Day and boarding school (25 attend)
Sunday school (35 attend)
National school built (1847) (30 attend), enlarged (1897),
average attendance (1912) 41

20. Poor relief:

1776	£40. 5s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£86. 0s. 8 ½ d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£168. 15s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£488. 7s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£607. 17s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£576. 12s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate

1828 Land and property let at £28. 18s. p.a. used for church
repairs, residue to poor relief

Henry Smith Charity

1626 Annual dividend from estate in Tolleshunt D'arcy used to
purchase clothing for the poor. Amounted to £4. 13s. 6d.
(1828)

22. Other institutions:

1776 Workhouse (6 inmates)

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Greyhound public house

24. Personal:

Ilketshall: Sir Edward Denny, Earl of Norwich (1626)

25. Other information:

Archaeological Sites:

Med. moated site (CRN 962, 963)

Rectangular enclosure (CRN 964, 965, 8331)

Rom. kiln/pottery (CRN 967)

Stray finds: Neo. axe (CRN 966)
Med. mortar (CRN (968)

Scatter finds: Med. pottery (CRN 8332, 8333)
Burnt flint patch (CRN 8861)