

1. Parish: Marlesford

Meaning: Martley ford or ford by marton wood

2. **Hundred:** Loes

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Union: Plomesgate

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Plomesgate RD (1894-1934), Blyth RD (1934-1974) Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Framlingham Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,294 acres land, 7 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

- Mixed:**
- a) Deep fine loam soils, slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Fine loam over clay or with sandy soils
 - b) Deep peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils, in part very acid, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding

5. **Types of farming:**

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| 1086 | | 9 ½ acres meadows, 1 mill, 2 cobs, 4 cattle, 14 pigs, 50 sheep, 3 beehives |
| 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, roots, barley, hay |
| 1969 | Trist: | Barley and sugar beet are the main crops with some rye grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrot |

6. **Enclosure:**

Possible enclosure of common land (1877) (not confirmed)

7. Settlement:

1978 River Ore forms portion of eastern and western boundaries. Disused airfield intrudes into parish in northern sector. Line of disused railway crosses parish NW-SE to south of development. Small compact development. Church situated at western portion of settlement. Secondary settlement at Marlesford Bridge
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 41, 1801 – 48, 1851 – 91, 1871 – 100,
1901 – 89, 1951 – 91, 1981 – 84

8. Communications:

Road: Road to Parham, Hacheston, Wickham Market, Lt. Glemham and Campsey Ash
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich Monday and Friday
Rail: 1891 Rail station: Wickham Market – Framlingham line, opened (1859) closed for passenger (1952), closed for goods (1965)
Water: River Ore
Air: Framlingham airfield: built (1942/43) as USAF base, closed (1945), sold (1964). Perimeter track used by light aircraft

9. Population:

1086 — 28 ½ recorded
1327 — 34 taxpayers paid £2. 17s. 10d. (includes Butley)
1524 — 31 taxpayers paid £4. 14s. 8d.
1603 — 160 adults
1674 — 65 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 315 inhabitants
1831 — 433 inhabitants
1851 — 428 inhabitants
1871 — 410 inhabitants
1901 — 354 inhabitants
1931 — 337 inhabitants
1951 — 308 inhabitants
1971 — 224 inhabitants
1981 — 210 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £13. 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £9. 6s. 8d.
Portion of St. Faiths £1 £10. 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £9. 6s. 8d.
1674 Parsonage has 5 hearths

1831 Glebe house. Gross income £285 p.a. Incumbent also holds rectory of Lt. Glemham with Gt. Glemham
 1891 Tithes commuted for £362. 30 acres glebe and residence
 1912 Nett value £227. 28 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir Walter Devereux (1603), A. Arcedeckne (1831), Lady Huntingfield (1891), A. Heywood (1912)

11. Church St Andrew

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

1086 Church + 16 acres, valued 20 Ora
 circa 1200 Circular pier arcade to S. aisle (possibly rebuilt in 16th cent.)
 14th cent. Main structure
 14/15th cent. Tower

Seats: 210 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1606 2 persons did not receive communion at Easter

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 26 acres held by free man under patronage of Edric
 1086 Manor of 26 acres belonging to Robert Malet
 1066/1086 Manor of 1 carucate 12 acres belonging to Abbot of St. Edmunds

Marlesford Manor

1236 Jordan de Sackville owns
 1485 Thomas Rokes/Rokys owns
 1515 William Waldegrave owns (linked to Holton St. Mary, Hitcham and Lindsey)
 1518 Sir Robert Drury owns (linked to Somerton, Cockfield, Chedburgh, Barnham and Hopton)
 circa 1610 Sir Walter Devereux owns
 1655 John Barber
 1677 Simon Dove owns
 circa 1789 John Thomas Sandys owns
 1805 William Shouldham owns
 1909 Capt. Charles S. Schreiber owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

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| 1844 | £2,201 rental value |
| 1891 | £1,958 rateable value |
| 1912 | £1,797 rateable value |

16. Land ownership:

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| 1844 | W.A. Shuldham, principal owner |
| 1891/1912 | Land sub-divided |

17. Resident gentry:

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| 1679 | Samual Alston and Mr. Osborne |
| 1844 | Rev. G.H. Porter MA and W.A. Shuldham |
| 1891 | F. Hall DCL and Rev. S.D. Sandes MA |
| 1912 | Rev. C.W. Houlbrook MA, Rev. S. Miles BA and Capt. C.S. Schreiber JP |

18. Occupations:

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| 1550-1599 | 3 yeomen, 1 carpenter, 1 fisherman, 1 blacksmith |
| 1600-1649 | 8 yeomen, 2 weavers, 1 thatcher, 2 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 shoemaker, 1 brick striker |
| 1650-1699 | 3 yeomen, 1 weaver, 2 clerks, spinster, 1 linen weaver, 1 tailor |
| 1831 | 71 agriculture, 27 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 9 in labouring, 26 in domestic service |
| 1844 | Joiner, shopkeeper, wheelwright, gardener/seedsman, butcher, victualler, blacksmith, 3 shoemakers, shoemaker/shopkeeper, corn miller, 8 farmers |
| 1912 | Sub-postmistress, station master, school teacher, police officer, newsagent, building surveyor/appraiser, publican, shopkeeper, 8 farmers, coach builder, laundress, gamekeeper, corn, cake, seed and manure merchants/millers, corn merchants, blacksmith, grocer/draper, thatcher |

19. Education:

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| 1818 | 2 day schools (21 attend) |
| 1833 | 1 daily school established (1828) (22 attend) School Board formed and school built (1891), average attendance (1912) 48 |

20. Poor relief:

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| 1776 | £97. 10s. 6d. | spent on poor relief |
| 1803 | £206. 1s. | spent on poor relief |

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| 1818 | £500. 7s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1830 | £220. 11s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1832 | £327. 6s. | spent on poor relief |
| 1834 | £401. 4s. | spent on poor relief |

21. Charities:

Devereux's Charity

1610 by deed of Sir Walter Devereux. £6 rent charge from message called Mapes and its lands applied to use of the poor

Smith's Charity

1693 devised by John Smith. 52s p.a. applied to distribution of bread or coals to poor families

Kersey's Gift

1816 by will of Joseph Kersey. Interest on £800 (Dividends of £33. 6s. 1d. (1840)) distributed in bread of coals among poor or Marlesford, Earl Soham, Charsfield and Dallinghoo

22. Other institutions:

1912 Police officer listed

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Bell public house

24. Personal:

William A. Shuldham: Lord of the manor, celebrated his 100th birthday (1843) by giving dinner to his tenantry and neighbouring gentry

25. Other information:

Working post mill in existence (1801)

Archaeological Sites:

Stray finds: Rom. coin (CRN 2099)