

1. Parish: Wilby

Meaning:

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

Deanery: Hoxne

Union: Hoxne (1835–1907), Hartismere R.D. (1934–1974),
Mid-Suffolk D.C. (1974)

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hoxne R.D. (1894–1934), Hartismere R.D.
(1934–1974), Mid-Suffolk D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change 1884
Abolished ecclesiastically to create Wilby with Brundish
1951
Stradbroke Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham County Court District

3. **Area:**

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over
clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		4 acres meadow, wood for 40 pigs
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:	Coarse of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, peas, beet, clover
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Three main points of development (all small) a. Wilby

(church and school), b. Coal Street and c. Wilby Green
Secondary settlements at Russels Green and Foals
Green
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 49, 1801 – 55, 1851 – 136,
1871 – 117, 1901 – 81, 1951 – 95,
1981 – 73

8. Communications:

Road: To Stradbroke, Athelington, Laxfield, Worlingworth and
Brundish
1891 Carrier passes through to Ipswich Monday and Friday

Rail: 1912 Rail station: (Mid. Suffolk Light Railway) Haughley–
Laxfield line opened 1904, opened for passengers
1908, closed for goods 1912, closed completely 1952

9. Population:

1086 – 6 recorded
1327 – 28 taxpayers paid £2 9s. 3d.
1524 – 47 taxpayers paid £4 19s. 8d.
1603 – 3 adults
1674 – 49 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 443 inhabitants
1831 – 649 inhabitants
1851 – 620 inhabitants
1871 – 568 inhabitants
1901 – 331 inhabitants
1931 – 340 inhabitants
1951 – 317 inhabitants
1971 – 236 inhabitants
1981 – 203 inhabitants

10. Benefice:

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £16 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £26 6s. 10½d
1603 Incumbent also holds Barking
1831 Glebe house, gross income £525 p.a.
1844 52 acres 2R 4P glebe. Commodious thatched residence
Modus in lieu of tithes
1891 Rent charge of £647 in lieu of tithes
1912 Nett value £442 p.a. 52 acres glebe and residence
1951 United with Brundish

Patrons: Sir Anthonie Wingfield (1603), H. Owen (1831),

Rev. H.S. Marriott (1891), F.W.P. Marriott (1912)

11. Church

St. Mary

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

14th/15th

cent.

1459

1597

Main structure, including tower

To new steeple £20

The chancel is decayed in the glazing and the Rofe Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed 4 superstitious pictures and ordered the removal of 10 more, the steps to be leveled and the 'whip and Pincers and Nails that was at Christ's crucifying (emblems of the passion) and the Trinity all in stone

Seats: 350 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597

Curate does not wear the surplice

13. Manorial:

Wilby

1281

M. de Crek owns

1314

William de Bovile owns (linked to Badingham and Southolt)

c.1441

Sir William Phelip, Lord Bardolf owns (linked to Brundish and Dennington)

1461

John Nevil, Lord Montague owns

1481

Sir John Wingfield died seised (linked to Laxfield)

1658

Edward Carewe owns (linked to Stradbroke)

1659

William Blois owns (linked to Middleton, Burgh, Culpho, Hasketon, Grundisburgh and Stradbroke)

1683

Robert Thompson owns (linked to Stradbroke and Hasketon)

1803

Thomas Corbett owns (linked to Stradbroke, Debach and Hasketon)

Sub-manors:

Russels:

1538

Antony Rous owns (linked to Badingham, Bedfield, Brundish, Dennington, Fressingfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Clopton and Worlingworth)

1575

Humfrey Adderley owns

c.1588

John Bayle Bayles owns

1628

Anthony Wingfield owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

1658	Edward Carewe owns (absorbed by main manor)
1764	William Stane owns
1847	Rev. Thomas Branston Stane owns

Jordans

1589	John Godsmith owns
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Goods

Mid 15 th cent.	Good family own
c.1487	Sir John Sulyard owns (linked to Denham)
1566	Thomas Garneys died seised

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,535 rental value
1891	£2,592 rateable value
1912	£1,954 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891	Land sub-divided
1912	Mrs. E.G. Marriott, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1679	Mr. Bayles
1891	Rev. H.S. Marriott MA, JP

18. Occupations:

1550–1549	1 yeoman, 1 husbandman
1550–1599	5 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1600–1649	8 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 spinster, 1 joiner, 1 weaver, 1 ploughwright
1650–1699	9 yeomen, 1 linen weaver, 1 cooper
1831	120 in agriculture, 33 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 31 in domestic service
1844	Beerhouse keeper, 2 shoemakers, bricklayer, grocer/drapery, 3 blacksmiths, carpenter, butcher, 2 wheelwrights, tailor, gig maker, victualler/farrier, 21 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, station master, school teacher, 20 farmers, bootmaker/publican, 3 farm bailiffs, blacksmith, shopkeeper, bootmaker

19. Education:

Curate teaches children 1597
 1818 1 Dissenters school (28 attend)
 1833 3 daily schools (47 attend), 1 Sunday school established
 1826 (25 attend)
 Church of England school built 1872

20. Poor relief:

1776	£174 4s. 4.
1803	£197 15s.
1818	£738 18s.
1830	£865 17s.
1832	£984 13s.
1834	£773 7s.

21. Charities:

Town Estate:

1840 2 houses + 57 acres 2R 19P let at £72 13s. p.a.
 applied to trustees for parochial relief

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 Beerhouse and The Swan Inn public house

24. Personal:

Edward Calver: c.1649 described as 'Gent of Wilbie': puritan post.
 Thomas Green: 1722–1794 son of Thomas Green of Wilby: writer of
 political pamphlets. Lived in Ipswich and established periodical called
 'Euphrasy' 1769 which supported Church of England against the
 Nonconformists.

'A Memoir of Thomas Green of Ipswich' 1825

25. Other information:

The area around Wilby is considered very healthy 1912, the 'exceptionally'
 low death rate was attributed to this healthy environment.

Hall: 1579 moated.