

MARTHAM is a pleasant village, with several handsome houses surrounding a large green, seated on rising ground above the marshes, $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.N.W. of Yarmouth, having a station on the Yarmouth and North Norfolk Railway. Its parish extends above a mile westward to the hamlet of Cess, on the river Thurne, and is in Flegg union, Yarmouth county court district and bankruptcy district, East and West Flegg petty sessional division, West Flegg hundred, Ormesby polling district of North Norfolk, Flegg rural deanery, and Norwich archdeaconry. The rateable value in 1881 was £7000, and the gross estimated rental £7400. It had at the last census 1097 inhabitants, living on 2281 acres of enclosed land, of which nearly half is copyhold and subject to arbitrary fines. Mr. Capon is lord of the manor, for which he holds a court at Michaelmas; but Moregrove and Knightsley form a small manor, belonging to the Rev. George Pearse, M.A.; and John Love, jun., Esq., owns the Martham Hall estate. The CHURCH (St. Mary) is the largest and handsomest in the deanery of Flegg, and consists of nave with aisles, south porch with parvise, chancel and square west tower with six bells. It is chiefly of the early Perpendicular period, and was probably erected in the reign of Richard II., towards the latter end of the 14th century. The nave and aisles are separated by fine piers having laterally engaged shafts with caps, and the arcades are enriched with boulet mouldings. On each side are four fine windows, and in the clerestory five, with one of different pattern at the east end of each aisle. The south porch has a plain stone roof with moulded ribs, and the south door is a magnificent specimen of mediæval carving, in two leaves panelled, with tracery heads of rich design, and surrounded with a graceful band of vine leaves and fruit. The north door has no porch. The nave and aisles are covered with elaborate oak roofs; that of the nave being of the hammer-beam kind, with carved angels, and open-work tracery in the spandrels. The tower arch is lofty, and contains a series of shields in the mouldings, each suspended on a quatrefoil. The west window is of three lights with embattled transom, and beneath it is a good doorway. The tower is of very fine proportions, with embattled parapet, good base mouldings, and stone panels filled in with square flint. The font is octagonal, of Perpendicular character, and sculptured with the seven Romish sacraments and the Last Judgment, in panels with crockets and finials and flowered spandrels. The stem bears similar panels, containing figures of saints much mutilated. The chancel is of the florid Gothic style, and was rebuilt in 1855, when the entire building underwent a thorough restoration at a cost of £8000, given by Mrs. Catherine Alice Dawson, of Rollesby Hall, as a memorial of her late husband, the Rev. Jonathan Dawson, M.A., to whom there is a raised altar tomb. The east window is filled with beautiful stained glass, by Hardman, of Birmingham. The same firm have executed a two-light window on the south side of the chancel, placed there in memory of Mrs. Pearse. The chancel arch is cusped and enriched with foliage, and rests upon massive corbels with carved angels bearing the sacramental emblems. An organ, by Forster & Andrews, of Hull, was placed in the west end, under the tower arch, in 1871, the cost being defrayed by subscription. The windows of the church appear to have been anciently filled with splendid stained glass, of which some fragments still remain; and one of them contains a beautiful full-length figure of St. Michael weighing the souls of men against demons. Here is also a tablet with a singular inscription to the memory of Christopher Burraway, who, being the fruit of an incestuous intercourse between a father and a daughter, was placed as an infant in the Foundling Hospital, but coming in after years to Martham, was unwittingly hired as farm steward by his own mother, who afterwards married him, and thus became successively mother, sister, mistress, and wife to him. Discovering him to be her own son by a peculiar mark on his shoulder, she was so struck with horror that she soon died, and he survived her only a few months. The parish register dates from the year 1558. The discharged vicarage, valued in K.B. at £6 13s. 4d., is in the incumbency of the Rev. George Merriman, M.A., who has a good residence built in 1836. The Dean and Chapter of Norwich are patrons, and also appropriators of the rectory, now leased to Mrs. Ann Francis. In 1160 Roger Gunton gave the church to the prior and convent of Norwich, 'for the redemption of his soul.' In 1843 the rectorial tithes were commuted for £628 18s. 2d., and the vicarial for £363 17s. 9d. The Baptists and the Primitive Methodists have each a chapel here. The former was built in 1879, and has 180 sittings; and the latter, containing 230 sittings, was built in 1881 at a cost of £725. A fair, chiefly for pleasure, is held here on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in July. In 1803 a man was gibbeted here for setting fire to part of the village. A SCHOOL BOARD was established here in 1872. Mr. J. Corry, of Yarmouth, is clerk. A school was built in 1878 at a cost of £500, and a schoolroom belonging to the vicar is leased to the Board as an infant school. A FREE SCHOOL was founded pursuant to the will of Christopher Amys, who, in 1622, left £110 for that purpose. This legacy and several donations were laid out in purchasing the schoolhouse and 5A. 1R. of land. A new schoolroom was built in 1850 at a cost of £100; but the land was exchanged at the enclosure in 1812 for 8A. 1R. 29P. The income of the house and land is applied to paying the fees of poor children at the Board School, until the establishment of this or some other scheme by the Charity Commissioners. In the garden is a cork tree more than 100 years old. In 1815 Sarah Bowman left £300 three per cent. consols in trust to dispose of the yearly dividends as follows:—£2 to be divided among the poor on St. Thomas's day; and £7 to be laid out in the education of six poor children. In 1834 Miss Diana Creasey left the dividends of £400 of the same stock, to be applied in clothing and schooling six poor children. A new scheme, published by the Charity Commissioners in January 1833, contains the following as its chief points. The three charities of Amys, Bowman, and Creasy, are consolidated under one name, as 'The Martham Educational Charity,' and under one set of trustees, 13 in number; 3 ex-officio, viz., the vicar and the churchwardens, provided they qualify by assent; 10 nominated. The Poor's Allotments, comprising 78A. 6P., were awarded in 1812. Formerly, upwards of 41A. formed a pasture for the cows of the poor inhabitants, but the whole is now let for about £93 2s. 6d. a year, which, after paying the drainage rate, is distributed in coals among poor families. Of a yearly rent-charge of 13s. 4d., left by an unknown donor, only 3s. 4d. was, some twelve years ago, paid to the poor; and even this has not been paid of late years.

POST OFFICE at Mr. Frederick Green's. Letters, via Yarmouth, arrive at 7 a.m., and are despatched at 5.50 p.m. This is also a Money Order Office, Telegraph Office, and Post Office Savings Bank.

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 Bly Geo. Wm. builder & brickmaker
 Braddock Danl. farmer & brickmaker
 Braddock Edwih, shopkeeper
 Braddock George, watchmaker
 Brooks William, shoemaker
 Brown Noah, market gardener
 Brunson Alfred, mail cart contractor
 Brunson Benj. farmer and dealer
 Carter George, baker and shopkeeper
 Chubbock John, gamekeeper
 Clarke Charles Wm. grocer & draper
 Collyer Robt. Betts, frmr. Clark farm
 Crisp Anthony, M.R.C.S.E., registrar
 of births and deaths for West Flegg
 district, district medical officer for
 West Flegg and Smallburgh union,
 and surgeon to Winterton Lighths
 Daniel Richard, farmer and owner
 Daniells Mr Robert, minister
 Dove Saml. carrier, shpkgr. & lodgings
 Dove William, carrier
 Dove Wm. cowkeeper and lodgings
 Durrant Robert, plumber and painter
 Easter George, market gardener
 Edmonds Jas. Saml. vict. King's Arms
 Edmonds Wm. farmer, Grove farm
 Edwards Alfred Robert, tailor and
 outfitter and shoe dealer
 Faulke Jas. Cooper, farmer, Manor hs
 Faulke James Cooper, jun., corn mil-
 ler and merchant
 Fisher John, butcher
 Gathercole Rev. Thos. Geo. (Baptist)
 Gowen George, market gardener
 Goose Benjamin, farmer and owner
 Green Fredk. grocer, draper, druggist,
 and postmaster, and agent for the
 Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co.
 Green Mr Robert
 Green William, farmer
 Greenacre John, shoemaker
 Greenacre William, farmer
 Greenacre Wm. carpenter & lodgings
 Grimble George, farmer
 Grimble William, shopkeeper & farmer
 Grimson Hy. farmer and fruit dealer
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Haddon John, frmr. & cattle dlr, Cess
 Hall John, shopkeeper
 Harman James, carter & coal dealer
 Harman John, farmer
 Harmer William, blacksmith
 Hayton William, parish clerk
 Hindry Martin, shopkeeper & corn dlr
 Hodds Benjamin, shopkeeper
 Hodds Henry, thatcher
 Huggins Robert, farmer and owner
 Jay James, market gardener
 Jay Thomas William, cowkeeper
 Jeary Geo. butcher & horse & gig letter
 Jeary Mr John
 Jeary James, farmer and shopkeeper
 Jex Mr Edward
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 seed merchant, and dealer in wines
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 gardener, Cess
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 Nichols George, corn miller
 Nichols Robert, shoemaker
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 and surgeon at Yarmouth
 Parker Mrs Mary Ann
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 Pollard Mr John
 Pulford Mr George
 Purdy Mrs Rebecca

Reeve James, watchmaker
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 Roskilly Alfred, Board schoolmaster
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 machine owner
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 and North Norfolk Railway line.
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