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Martham as described in 1894-95 in the Gazetteer of England and Wales

Martham is a village and a parish in Norfolk. The village stands on rising ground above marshes, 3 ½ miles from the coast, and 9 miles north-west by north of Great Yarmouth, and has a station on the Midland and Great Northern Joint railway; is a large place, with several handsome houses and some good shops; and has a post, money order, and telegraph office under Yarmouth. It formerly had a fair on the last Tuesday of July and the following day. The parish comprises 2,690 acres; population, 1177. The parish council, under the Local Government Act, 1894, consists of eleven members. The manor belongs to the Wiseman family. Martham Hall, Martham House, and the Grange are chief residences. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Norwich; net value, £255 with residence. Patrons, the Dean and Chapter of Norwich. The church, a fine building of flint, chiefly Early Perpendicular, comprises nave, aisles, south porch and lofty fine tower; includes a chancel in florid Gothic, rebuilt in 1855 at a cost of nearly £8,000, in memorial of the Rev J. Dawson, and containing an altar-tomb to him; has very fine stained glass windows by Hardman and good specimens of old stained glass; and contains a richly-sculptured, octagonal, ancient font, and a brass of 1487. There are Baptist and Primitive Methodist chapels, an educational charity scheme superseding three former charities, and 76 acres of poor's lands. Martham Broad is in the north of the parish.