

**MARTHAM** is a parish and large village delightfully situated on rising ground above the marshes, with a station on the Midland and Great Northern joint railway, about 10 miles north-north-west from Yarmouth, in the Eastern division of the county, West Flegg hundred, petty sessional division of East and West Flegg, rural district of Blofield and Flegg, county court district of Great Yarmouth, rural deanery of Flegg and archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich. The church of St. Mary is a fine structure of Norfolk flint with stone dressings, chiefly in the Early Perpendicular style, and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch and a lofty embattled western tower of fine proportions containing a clock and 6 bells: the chancel was rebuilt in 1855 at a cost of nearly £8,000, given by Mrs. Dawson, subsequently Mrs. Major Longley, and daughter of the Rev. George Pearse M.A. vicar here 1834-76, as a memorial to her first husband, the Rev. Jonathan Dawson M.A. to whom there is a raised altar tomb: the east window is stained, and there are memorial windows to Mrs. Pearse and to her daughter, Mrs. Inigo Jones, besides some curious ancient glass: the ancient octagonal font bears, in panels, sculptured representations of the Seven Sacraments and the Last Judgment: the church has been completely restored, and in 1928 the windows were restored: an organ screen in panelled oak, in memory of Joseph Edward Debbage and his wife, was erected in 1929: there are 460 sittings. About half an acre of glebe land, presented by the Rev. George Merriman, vicar here 1876-1906, was added to the churchyard in 1899. The register dates from the year 1558 and is in an excellent state of preservation. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £348.

including 4½ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Norwich, and held since 1928 by the Rev. John Herbert Griffiths M.A. of Queen's College, Cambridge, who is also vicar of West Somerton. The great tithes belong to the Dean and Chapter of Norwich. Roger Gunton, in 1170, gave the church to the prior and convent of Norwich, "for the redemption of his soul." There are Baptist and Methodist chapels here. There are charitable bequests for the benefit of the poor of the parish; also 78 acres of land which were awarded at the inclosure in 1812. The poor's land or fuel charity is distributed in coals. In 1920 an Institute was erected on a site near the Green, half of which was the gift of W. Bracey esq. it contains a large hall, used for socials, meetings &c. two billiards rooms, and has a bowling green and tennis courts; it was opened by Col. C. H. Dawson in Sept. 1920, and, with a Latin cross erected in the churchyard, is to commemorate the 41 parishioners who fell during the Great War, 1914-1918; the cost of the institute and cross was over £2,000. Documents have been preserved illustrating the development of the village from the earliest times. The termination "ham" witnesses to its Angle origin: when the invaders settled down Martham was their principal settlement in these parts: the place was divided into three fields, Suthfield, Westfield and Estfield. William Bracey esq. is lord of the manor and principal landowner. There are also many small landowners. Martham Broad, several acres in extent, is in the north part of the parish. The soil is mixed; subsoil, clay, loam and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats, fruit and roots, and some land in pasture. The area is

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A Free School was founded upon presentation to the will of Christopher Amis, who left £110 for that purpose in 1622: this sum, with several small donations, was laid out in purchasing the school house & 5a. 1r. of land, which were exchanged at the inclosure in 1812 for 7a. 3r. 7p. the school has ceased to exist, but the old school house was sold for about £350 & the money invested in trustee stock producing £17 10s. per annum, which sum is added to the charities. The by the name of the "Martham Education Charity," under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners issued

ing the Public Elementary school

A committee of 6 managers was formed March, 1904: 4 appointed by County Council & 2 by parish authority; Rev. John Herbert Griffiths M.A. chairman of managers; Frederick Samuel Taylor, clerk

Railway Station (M. & G. N. joint)

Police Station

The United Automobile Services Ltd. run omnibuses to & from Yarmouth, wed. & sat. & "Norwich, daily (except sun)

(For TN's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Alcock M. W. Norwich house  
 Bailey George Arthur, Sutfield ho  
 Bracey Wilfrid James, Elmside  
 Bracey William, Manor house  
 Chapman Mrs. The Firs  
 Dyball George Humphrey, Greenside  
 Dyball Mrs., The Gables  
 Dyball Thomas Arthur, Yew Tree cottage  
 Gowers Rev. Alfred Barrett (Methodist), The Manse  
 Griffiths Rev. John Herbert M.A. (vicar), Vicarage  
 Marsh Herbert (Reginald, Southerly house, Repps road  
 Rochford Patrick Joseph A., M.B. Olive house  
 Showell Hubert Broughton, Tudor ho  
 Sloane Mrs. The Grove  
 Starling Oliver Aldred, West grove  
 Taylor Frederick S. Church street  
 Tydeman Rev. G. A. (Baptist), The Manse  
 Wiseman Arthur, Rectory ho Repps rd  
 Wiseman Percy E. The Grange

## COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.  
 Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.  
 Alcock Arth. Hy. plumber  
 Alcock M. W. (late Wm. Bane), grocer, provision & tea merchant, draper, clothier, wine & spirit merchant & agent for Ind-Coope & Co. Central Supply Stores, The Green. TN 33  
 Annison Arth. market gardener, Cess  
 Bailey George Arthur, nurseryman, fruit & flower grower; speciality, tomatoes & chrysanthemums, Sutfield house. TN 34  
 Balls Ethel (Mrs.), fried fish dir  
 Balls Wm. nurseryman  
 Barclays Bank Ltd. (open Tues. & Fri. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) (sub-branch to Great Yarmouth); head office, 54 Lombard st. London EC 3  
 Bensley Jas. Rt. corn & flour mer  
 °Bracey William, farmer, fruit merchant, grower & blacksmith. TN 57  
 British Legion (A. Ribbands, hon. sec)  
 Brown Bert, market gardener, Cess  
 Buck Baden Ernest, market gardener  
 Chapman Edmund. Geo. butcher, The Green. TN 9  
 °Chapman Wm. Rayner, farmer, Morgrove Manor & Clark's farm. TN 13  
 Chatten James Harvey, carpenter, Repps road  
 Chubbuck Mark, saddler  
 Church Edward William John & Co. Ltd. motor engurs

Claxton A. baker, Church st  
 Clowes' Stores (Benj.) Geo. Harwood mngr.). TN 35  
 Cobb Harry, boot & shoe stores  
 Columbia Nursing Home (Sister Florence Lillian Purdy, matron), Repps road. TN 45  
 Cooke Geo. Ernest, smallholder  
 Cunningham Walter Herbert, insurance agent, Olive cottage  
 Debbage Horace Jn. corn mer  
 Donaldson Geo. J. R. clerk to Parish Council & insur. agt  
 Dove Charles, market gardener, Cess  
 Dove Rt. carpnter, Repps rd  
 Dyball George Humphrey & Son, farmers, Greenside  
 Dyball Jn. Walt, farmer, Mill farm  
 Dyball Obadiah O. farmer, Gibbet hill  
 Dyball Thomas Arthur, miller, poultry & pig food merchant & farmer, Steam mills  
 Fleeg District Nursing Association (Miss Dorothy Mary Walker, nurse)  
 Francis A. A. general ironmonger, & hardware stores; photographic materials, hairdresser, tobacconist, & fancy goods, The Green. TN 29  
 Francis Saml. motor engur. TN 11  
 Futter Henry, carpenter & joiner  
 Goose Benjamin Chas. jun. farmer, Mustard Horn  
 Goose Mrs. farmer, Cess  
 Goose Robert, farmer, Whitegate  
 Gowen George, market gardener  
 Gowen Sydney, pork butcher  
 Great Yarmouth Co-operative Society Ltd. (Leonard Bowles, mngr.), The Green. TN 30  
 Grimble Arth. & Wilfred, smallholders  
 Grimble Wilfred, shopkpr  
 Grimes B. G. & Son (estab. 1901), boot & shoe makers & dealers  
 Grimes Alice Eliz. (Mrs.), shopkpr  
 Grimmer Ellen Caroline (Mrs.), market gardener  
 Hall Harry, farmer  
 Harman John Jas. farmer, Cess farm  
 Harriss Walt, wheelwright & parish clerk  
 Hodds Lily May (Miss), draper  
 Hodds Stanley, thatcher, Cess rd  
 Holt Percy Thos. boot & shoe maker  
 Independent Order of Rechabites (Norfolk & Suffolk Tent 3708) (J. Abbs, sec.), Bracey's bldgs  
 Jeary Ernest, butcher. TN 6  
 King's Arms Inn (Bertie Grapes)  
 Kirby James Edwin & Son, builders, wheelwrights & carpenters, shoeing & general smiths, wholesale forage, hay & straw merchants, boat owners & haulage contractors, steam hay & straw presses, & farmers, electric chaff & grist works & sawmills. TN 18

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 Kirkland B. B. draper  
 Knights Chas. Wm. farmer  
 Knights Herbt. farmer  
 Larier John, house decorator  
 Lincoln Arth. Edwd. Fredk. market gardener  
 Long Walt, Edwd. farmer. Thunder hi  
 Lown J. D. & Co. coal & coke mers. TN 3  
 Lown John Moses, market gardener  
 Maggs Hy. Russell, tailor, The Green  
 Manchester Unity of Oddfellows (Rising lodge) (Wm. Rigg, sec.), Oddfellows' hall  
 Martham Conservative Association (Mrs. Sloane, hon. sec)  
 Martham Memorial Institute (Wm. Temple, hon. sec)  
 Myhill Chas. market grdnr. Damgate  
 Nichols Edmund, farmer  
 Nichols Violet (Mrs.), shopkeeper  
 Pike Saml. market gardnr. Damgate  
 Pitchers Wm. Albt grocer, Repps rd  
 Platten Geo. Arth. cycle repr  
 Pyman's Stores (Mrs. M. Bradfield), grocers &c. TN 2  
 Rational Sick & Burial Association (George Garman, sec)  
 Ribbands Arth. Methuen, hairdrsr. Repps rd  
 Rigg William Arthur, baker  
 Rochford, Kelly & Wright, physicians, Olive house, Repps road. TN 20  
 Rochford Patrick Josph. A., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O. physcn. (firm, Rochford, Kelly & Wright) & district medical officer for Norfolk No. 3 Area Guardians Committee, Olive house, Repps road. TN 20  
 Rust Louisa (Mrs.), coal dir  
 Shreeve Reg. farm manager to G. A. Bailey esq. TN 51  
 Sims James, farmer  
 Sims Neil, licensed horse slaughterer  
 Star Inn (Mrs. M. Utting)  
 Starling Oliver Aldred, agricultural engnr. Ironworks. TN 25  
 Stone Wesley Rt. farmer, Cranes gm  
 Tooke Arth. smallholder, Cess  
 Tooke Ernest, smallholder, Cess  
 Tungate William, thatcher  
 Utting Dennis Geo. bldr. Ivydene  
 Victoria Inn (Benj. Pitt)  
 Ward Geo. fried fish dir. The Green  
 Watson Alfd. Elijah Arth. insur. agt. Church st  
 Watson Clara H. (Mrs.), shopkpr  
 Watson James Robert, shopkeeper  
 °Wiseman Percy Edwin, farmer, The Grange. TN 27  
 Youngs John E. newsagent & stationer; agent for Carter's seeds & Pickfords, carriers, Post office, The Green. TN 32