

People:

Apart from our village “founder”, the Stut we have, over two millennia, had a few “characters” residing within the village.

A short summary is as below:

The Domesday Book records, under lands granted to Ralph de Fougeres, a manor in Stuston held by Wulfsi who was a freeman under the patronage of Gyrth.

[note the mix of Norman and Saxon names]

Also listed separately in the Domesday Book:

The Abbot of Bury St Edmunds held lands in Oakley and Stuston.

Subsequently there were four manors; three eventually devolved to the Cornwallis family and the fourth to the Castleton's and then on to Christ's Hospital.

The Castleton Family – please see details within the church.

Stuston Hall was built by Richard Nix (or Nykke), Bishop of Norwich, 1500 to 1535 and was later the home of the Castleton's. It was demolished in 1780 when the present Hall Farm was built.

Sir Miles Yare – Rector 1570

Fell out with Henry VIII for attending a secret mass – thought to have ended up in Norwich goal.

Rev Dr William Broome 1713–28

Writer and associate of Alexander Pope.

Rev Edward Heneage Paget 1859-1868

Responsible for much of the remedial works carried out within the church and instrumental in the building of the school.

A well-respected and popular member of our community.

Sir Edward Kerrison, Lord of the Manor

Granted land and was the founder of the school in 1862, educating up to 45 day scholars & 65 Sunday School scholars.

Erwin Rouse Borthwick MA RN 1910-1925

A former Royal Navy Instructor & Chaplain, from a lively and innovative family, installing a gas lighting system within the rectory.