

## UNATTRIBUTED LINSTEAD MAGNA HISTORY NOTES CIRCA 1991

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### LINSTEAD MAGNA

Linstead Magna is a parish consisting of a few scattered farms some 5 miles west of Halesworth. The Church - St. Peter - stood in the centre of the parish in an enclosed piece of land surrounded by fields. It was an ancient flint building, early English style consisting of Chancel, Nave, South Porch and embattled western Tower containing one bell. In 1900 services were held in the Chancel, the Nave being almost in ruins and unfit for use. There is now no remains of the Church or churchyard.

The following is a letter taken from the East Anglian Magazine (1965) written by Mr. Peter Northeast.

" I am rather surprised that the passing of Linstead Magna church, near Halesworth, has gone unmourned in your columns. In E.A.M. July, 1953, L. Sewell stated that it had been sold for demolition in 1924 but that public protest stopped this - it had been fast decaying all the years of the century, anyway. Dutt, in his Little Guide, described it as having been of much altered Decorated period.

In August of last year, the remainder of the brick tower had become unsafe and was demolished. On visiting the site in that month, I found a rather pitiful scene.

The sole reminders of this church are now its 15th century font and medieval bell preserved in St. Augustine's church, Ipswich. "

The writer enclosed prints showing the tower as it was in 1958 and the scene in August which depicts just a heap of rubble where the church had stood.

Children from this village either went to Linstead Parva or to Cratfield schools, now of course, they are taken by coach to schools in their age groups.