


Date

Ellingham

Kirby Cane

1784	<p>The Navigation from Great Yarmouth to Bungay was sold to Matthias Kerrison for £8,000. It then had an annual value of £95-0s-1d. Owner of Ellingham Mill was Michael Hicks.</p> <p>The Navigation, the farms and timber, together with the water corn mill which Matthias Kerrison erected at Ellingham in 1785-6 (£825) and another watermill he built at Geldeston (actually in Ellingham parish) around the same time meant that he was in a strong position to take full advantage of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars which inflated the price of corn.</p>	<p>Thomas Lond and John Booty committed to the castle charged with stealing 6 fat hogs from Mr Aldridge of Kirby Cane, which they put for sale on Norwich market the same day. Mr Aldrich happened to be there too, and they were quickly apprehended and confessed. Booty's sentence of transportation was commuted to 6 months hard labour Wymundham gaol.</p>
1785	<p>Rector Richard Chase (Rector for 40 years) died, and was succeeded by Roger Hall presented by Lord Howard de Walden, the living worth c £65.</p>	<p>An inquest on the body of Samuel Smith, an infant, who fell into a copper of boiling water and was scalded to death.</p>
1786	<p>Mary Girling (widow of Samuel) and her son ran a carrier business from Bungay to the Rampant Horse in Norwich, leaving on Tuesdays and Fridays and returning on Wednesday and Saturday, with stops at Bexley, Poringland Hoe, Brooke, Seething, Therstead, Woodton, Bedingham, Toperoft, Hedingham, Ditchingham, Ellingham and Broome.</p> <p>40 acre farm, house and buildings in the occupation of Robert Last, sold.</p>	 <p>Rev. Samuel Baker died and was succeeded by Henry Wilson (later Lord Berners) rector.</p>
1787	<p>Parson Hall, Mr Kerrison and Mr Machet went to court about unpaid tithes. Rev Hall claimed tithes on hay cut from Ellingham Meadow, milk and calves fed in Ellingham, which Machet said he had paid. He claimed tithes due on the profits of the mill, which Kerrison said were negligible due to repair costs.</p> <p>James Boatwright whose wife had been cured of breast cancer by Dr Goldsmith of Norwich was so pleased he put a letter/advertisement in the newspaper.</p>	<p>Thomas Fiske, 5ft 6ins, brown lank hair, a thin face, long nose and an effeminate voice, sentenced for 7 years for felony. While awaiting transportation in Norwich castle, with an accomplice, he escaped via the roof. 2 guineas reward posted in the Norfolk Chronicle. He was recaptured at Geldeston, and his sentence increased to transportation for life to Port Jackson (now Sydney), New South Wales, wither he sailed with the First Fleet on the <i>Guardian</i>, which struck an iceberg and lost its rudder and was holed. 250 crew & convicts moved to jolly boats (only 15 survived) while the Captain, 60 men (and Fiske), stayed on board and limped back to Capetown. Arrived in NSW 21 Feb. 1790 Fisk was pardoned. He sailed to Tasmania (VDL) 1808.</p>
1788	<p>Parson Woodforde visited Ellingham Church where his friend the Rev. Roger Hall, had just become minister. He thought the rectory house and garden too low, too close to the river "which often overflows, besides Ellingham Mill so close that the sound of it is continually heard".</p>	<p>Henry Wilson, rector, married Elizabeth Sumpter of Histon, Cambridgeshire.</p>

