


Date

Ellingham

Kirby Cane

1806	<p>At this election, the Ellingham voters were Antony Fisk, (farmer), James Gibbons (bricklayer), Roger Hall (clerk), William Johnson (clerk), Robert Westgate (farmer) and Thomas Williams (farmer). William Laws, a horse dealer from Kirby Cane, also voted in Ellingham.</p> <p>“Prompted by gratitude and in respectful remembrance of the late Right Hon Sir John Griffen-Griffen, K.B., Lord Howard de Walden, and of William Claxton, Esq., sometime M.P. for Marlow, Bucks, each of them his patrons, this monument <in Ellingham Church> was erected by Roger Hall, Clk., 1806, of Brasenose College, Ox., Rector of this parish and Garveston, in the 22nd year of his incumbency here, and the 29th at Garveston”.</p>	<p>At this election, the Kirby Cane voters were Henry Wilson (clerk) and William Ingate (blacksmith). Tifford Clarke (farmer, Bedingham), George Wilson (clerk, Eccles) and Zachariah Wright (farmer, Hackford). Some owned land here, but were clearly resident elsewhere.</p>
1807	<p>Poaching had become a problem. The gamekeepers advertised in the Norfolk Chronicle that they were taking the problem seriously and would prosecute people shooting without permission. Friends of the Lords of the manors be aware. I very much doubt that those doing the poaching could read, or afford a newspaper.</p>	
1808	<p>Great festivities took place at Ellingham, in celebration of the return of Col. Smith from active service in India.</p> <p>An annual ploughing match was inaugurated at Ellingham by the Rev. Wm. Johnson, to encourage the use of oxen in husbandry. Nine pairs of oxen took part, ploughing about half an acre each.</p>	<p>Durham ox</p> 
1809	<p>James Laws, Inn-keeper (probably of the Bird-in-Hand) died. His successor, one W. Laws, improved business by holding an "Annual Exhibition of Rustic Sports."</p> <p>James Holden, Ellingham miller died and his effects sold at auction.</p> <p>The smock tower windmill, which had been occupied by William Disney, was offered for sale by private contract, together with a house and half an acre of land.</p>	<p>The Rev. George Wilson officiated at the marriage of Abbot Upcher Esq. of Sheringham Hall to Charlotte, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Henry Wilson, the 10th Baron Berners of Kirby Cane.</p>
1810	<p>The entire flock of Southdown ewes belonging. to Rev. H. Wilson were advertised . <i>“The above ewes' were bred from the most improved kind, are in good condition, and warranted sound: They will be put less than they are worth to kill and will be sold in small lots without reserve”.</i></p>	
<p><i>"On Monday June 8th at 3 O'clock 1810 precisely a grand camping match will take place in a field near the Bird-in-Hand, Kirby Cane, for a prize of £10 which will be given in money and divided as shall be then determined."</i></p> <p>Camping was a kind of very rough football which had been played for at least 300 years, though authorities usually tried to suppress it because of the violence it involved.</p>		

