


Date

Ellingham

Kirby Cane

<p>1811</p>	<p>The Third Annual Exhibition of Rustic Sports at the Bird-in-Hand on Whit Monday June 3M 1811 at 10 am</p> <p>Events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumping in sacks for a prize of 7/- • A Jingling match for a prize of 7/- • The Kirby Plate , value one half guinea to be run for by asses with four legs, of all ages, the best of three heats • Whipping the cock by 12 men blind-folded for 7/- • A grinning match for 7/- not less than three candidates will be allowed to enter for this; and he who can produce the most horrid grin, or ghastly smile, will be entitled to the prize. • 5/- and a tobacco box to be smoked by 2 or more men and he who can smoke 7 pipes in the shortest time will be entitled to the prize. Pipes to be filled by an indifferent person and no drink allowed. • The Maiden Stakes 2 consisting of sufficient cloth to make a fashionable chemise, and a pair of pink garters, to be run for by as many prime lasses as choose to enter the lists. • At the conclusion of these entertainments a local celebrity called "Don Dupe" from Geldeston Cottage drove boldly up in a post chaise, and declaimed verses from Ovid, and told an anecdote about a hoax at Bungay, and ended by singing "Loves labor lost" to the tune of "All in the wrong". <p>(Lowestoft Record Office)</p>	
<p>1812</p>	<p>It seems likely that both villages celebrated the overthrow of Napoleon with a festival.</p>	
<p>1813</p>	<p>Incumbent: the Honourable and very Rev. George Neville Grenville, nominated by his father as Master of Magdalen, and thus became Rector of Ellingham, aged 24.</p> <p>The churchwarden's accounts note: mowing the churchyard 2s; oiling the bells, 1s-6d: washing surplus 6s, communion clothes 1s a year. Communion bread 6d</p> <p>The ice house was built at the Hall. The interior had a well about 30 feet deep with a ladder for collecting the ice from the bottom. There was probably a shallow pond nearby from which to harvest the ice, or it was gathered from the Waveney.</p>	 <p>Ellingham Hall Ice House (Restored)</p>

