

Date

Ellingham

Kirby Cane

1844

Lieutenant Col. Smith auctioned 20,000 saplings ready to transplant, a mix of spruce and firs, and English deciduous trees and hedging plants.

A fire was discovered on the premises of Mr. C. Edwards, of Kirby Cane. It consumed three hay stacks and some outbuildings, but the barn, stable, and corn stacks were saved. Another fire broke out, at Broome, on Wednesday noon, on the premises of Mr. Miller, which entirely destroyed the outbuildings. A maidservant, Jane Watts (48) who had lived seventeen years in the family, was charged with the latter, admitted guilt and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. When asked by the constable who apprehended her what made her do it, she replied that she "supposed the devil got the uppermost of her".

The wife of the Rev. Abbot Upcher delivered of twins: a still born son and a girl, who died shortly afterwards.

William and Cornelius Bradnum charged with stealing a grey gelding at the Beccles Sessions and sentenced to 3 years hard labour.



Lieu.-Col. John Smith and the Right Hon. Rev. Lord Berners listed on a committee of local worthies to plan the Diss, Beccles and Yarmouth Railway.

1845

Copyhold land could be converted into freehold land by the Lord of the Manor. This was done either by including an enfranchisement clause into a deed of conveyance, or by a separate deed of enfranchisement. Enfranchisement transferred the land from the Lord of the Manor to the new owner. The new owner paid a consideration for the transaction.

Many enfranchisements date from the mid-nineteenth century onwards, as the Copyhold Act of 1852 allowed tenants to demand enfranchisement. The Act stated that if the fee simple of the land was conveyed to the tenant, then the copyhold nature of the land was permanently extinguished.

All copyhold tenure was extinguished and turned into freehold by the Law of Property Act of 1922, which came into force on 1st January 1926.

At Kirby Cane Hall, the Right Hon. the Baroness Berners, died aged 83.

The entire Brick kiln stock sold at auction. (closed down?)

Charles Pulford swindelled at dice by three Norwich tricksters.

East window has been filled with stained glass at the expense of the late Lord Berners.

