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Images from the Carol service at St Mary's with the Waveney Brass Ensemble, 11th Dec. 2016.

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10th Dec. 2016 - Festive soup lunch



The main room of the Memorial Hall was looking very smart, following its make-over, for this yule-tide event.

The luncheon was well attended. A big thank you to all who helped, cooked, gave raffle prizes, and came along. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

December 2016 - Anglian Water - treatment works

Subject to planning approval, Anglian Water Services Ltd. will be installing some new equipment and plant at their site in Newgate, Kirby Cane. The company hopes to reduce disruption to residents by constructing a new access road (from the Old Yarmouth Road) to the site. Work should start in January 2017 and continue into the autumn.

16th September 2016 - The springers are here!



This week two new items of play equipment were installed on the playingfield:

- the ladybird springer (see above) and



- a springer/ seesaw.

July/August 2016: Ahoy me hearties! New pirate ship and picnic bench installed



A new pirate ship is proving very popular on the playingfield, as is the large picnic bench so parents can chat and snack whilst their children 'sail the seven seas!'.



May 2016: new nest swing installed on Ellingham playing field

It was only 15 degrees but felt much colder in the harsh northerly wind. I thought, "This will be a good time to pop up to the playing field, while nobody is there, to take a photograph of the new piece of equipment the parish council has installed."

Local parents had raised an issue with the parish council that equipment on the playing field did not meet the needs of their children. It was last updated in 2000, apart from some adult exercise kit. Parents were having to travel some distance out of the village to find the facilities their children wanted. The current councillors were elected in May 2015 and immediately set up a committee to take the project forward. Our Chairman visited the local school and asked the children to complete a questionnaire to identify which items of equipment they would like to see on their park. Copies which were also left in the local shop for other members of the community to complete. Parish Councillors also provided an activity at the school fete in 2015 and asked all those who visited the stall what they would seek in a modern playground. This included grandparents, visiting families and children who have friends in the village or who are older and attend other local schools but might be future users of the park.

The comments received were very useful. A plan was outlined, with progress reported at the parish council meetings. Visual Display boards showing what the park will look like on completion of the project were taken to the school and fete, and received excellent feedback. One aim is to make it easier for wheelchairs and pushchairs to enter the field. The playground will provide an environment where families with children of all ages can spend leisure time together and the equipment will cover all modes of play, for all ages from babies to teens. Picnic facilities will be installed so that families can remain at the playground for a chat whilst their children play safely. Work will be in phases as funds are secured. I went down to photograph the first phase: a nest swing – supported by funding from Adnams Brewery and our local charities.



To my surprise, despite the weather, two adults were busy exercising on the adult equipment, a father and three young children arrived to play and two lads were playing football! I told them of the plan to add more equipment over the coming months. Soon there will be an imaginative climbing frame/play-boat. Later on an aerial runway/zip wire, then a modern play-dome and, eventually, a small scooter/skate park for children 5 years upwards.

If all goes well, the weather will soon improve, as will the exercise and play facilities for us all!

May 2016, Improvements to rear room of Memorial Hall

The new kitchen and improvements to the rear room of the [Memorial Hall](#) are almost complete.

Blossom Pre-School now meets in there, leaving many spaces for hire in the main hall.



To book contact Brian on 01508 518463.

May 2016, Memorial Hall Administrator required

The [Memorial Hall](#) Trustees are looking to appoint a Hall Administrator ASAP. Please contact Maurice for information on 01508 518886.

15th March 2016, Annual Parish Meeting and council meeting

Jo Gooderham described how her popular work, [A chronology of Ellingham & Kirby Cane](#), came to be. Punctuated with anecdotes - such as the time a mob of 500 descended upon, and wrecked, the weir at Ellingham in the 15th century - it made an interesting session.

The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by a regular parish council meeting. Richard Lees, having completed his year in office, stepped down as Chairman, but will remain a Councillor. The Council elected John Cook as Chairman and Laurie Cannard Vice Chairman.

5th March 2016, Soup social

It was a full house at the Memorial Hall, in spite of the inclement weather. The soup, cakes, raffle made company made the sun shine within the hall, even if it was raining outside.



Some of the helpers, soup and cake makers. (Many others were involved too.)

Thanks to everyone who came, helped or donated. We hope you enjoyed it. The proceeds all help towards improvements to the Hall.

Feb. 2016 - Memorial Hall improvements

Building work commenced to improve the facilities to the rear room of the [Memorial Hall](#). The aim being that the hall will be able to stage two independent events simultaneously. This involves adding a kitchen to the rear room, modifying the toilets and other aspects of the rear room. Work is likely to be completed this spring.

19th Feb. 2016 - Serialisation of *A chronology of Ellingham & Kirby Cane*

Jo Gooderham's first edition of [A Chronology of Ellingham & Kirby Cane](#) was a sell out. Now updated, it is serialised on this web site. .

11th Feb. 2016, Serious accident

11th Feb. 2016 A pedestrian in her 70s was airlifted to hospital with serious head injuries after a collision with a car in Ellingham. See [Beccles & Bungay Journal](#) article.

25th Jan. 2016, On a positive note

A new Facebook page has been set up called '[Ellingham and Kirby Cane village](#)' where neighbours can communicate with each other, or have items for sale.

Jan. 2016, Ellingham Community Centre Project

A project has been set up to obtain ideas for a possible community centre with sports facilities. To join in the discussion see the Facebook page called '[Ellingham Community Centre Project](#)'.

Jan. 2016, Another [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) request raised with the parish council](#)

This followed on from an FOI request that was reported at the [parish council meeting on the 17th November 2015](#). It was at that meeting that the [ownership of the lands managed by the local charities was explained](#).