


Date

Ellingham

Kirby Cane

	Edward III imposed a tax (called tenths and fifteenths). Ellingham paid £4-14s-Od, one of the higher paying parishes in the hundred. (Aldeby, the highest, paid £7-4s-0, Winston only £1-6-0d).	Kirby Cane paid £5-8s-Od during this tax, somewhat more than Ellingham.
1335	Thomas de Dunwich, rector.	
1337		Edmund Gavel, lord of the manor in 10th year of the reign of Edward III.
1339	John de Cobham, rector, presented by Margaret, Countess of Norfolk (daughter and sole heir of Thomas of Brotherton son of Edward I) In 1338 she succeeded to the earldom of Norfolk and the office of Earl Marshall, aged about 18.	
1342	Sir John de Norwich obtained a license to castelate his manor at Mettingham, in reward for his service in the French wars. He also granted a messuage and land in Kirby Cane and Stockton to 9 chaplains in the church of St Andrew, Raveningham.	
1346	Elizabeth Segrave, married Blanche Mowbray's brother, John de Mowbray, 4th Baron Mowbray. 	Edmund Gavel may have been in rebellion against King Edward III, but I cannot find details. This was the year of the Battle of Crecy, and while Edward III was busy abroad, the Scots invaded England. Edmund Gavel evidently supported them. The rebellion was put down when Edward's Queen, Philippa of Hainault, led an army which defeated the Scots at Neville's Cross. In 1346 John Bigot, son and heir of Ralph Bigot was joint owner with the heirs of Edmund Gavel and John de Thweyt, chaplain, of a knight's fee in Stockton, Kirby and Geldeston, which John Bygot, Walter de Carr, and Roger de Thweyt had formerly held (Feudal Baronies).
1348	The Black Death reached Norfolk with great mortality during this initial outbreak. Local victims are said to be buried in the fields beside the churches. It may have lead to the decline of Erwelleston, though equal in impact was the mini ice-age which caused crop failure and famine. About this time sea level rose and flooded peat diggings resulting in Broads. The paucity of labour allowed those remaining to demand better conditions, but many landowners were in difficulties.	

