Date	Ellingham	Kirby Cane
1852	Forfeiture to the Crown - At the late Norfolk Assizes a person named Barber, residing at Ellingham, was convicted of felony, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. On the day following his conviction, his wife and friends were surprised by a visit from the Sheriff's officers, who seized his effects forfeit to the Crown. Although it well known that a felon's goods are held to be forfeited to the Crown, yet, believe, this is the first instance in this neighbourhood in which the claim has been enforced.	
1853		Steeple Chase attended by large numbers.
		Post Office opened.
1854		Cornelius Bradnum transported to Western Australia aboard the "Ramillies" bound for the Swan River Colony. Described as 5ft 9, slight build, grey eyes and dark hair.
		Susan Goddard, schoolmistress in charge of a school for 40 pupils supported by the rector.
1855	James Dunnett (Dunnott) died somewhere locally.	
1857	Henry Smith, Lord of the Manor of Ellingham Nevells married Amelia Harriet, daughter of Col. Greene of Kirby Cane Hall.	All Saints was restored, at the expense of the rector
1860	William Shearing jnr, miller.	
1861		New one room school built for 70 pupils. Lucy Hinsley, Schoolteacher, aged 56. (See also 1865)
1860-3	The Waveney Valley Railway was planned to start from Diss and serve the valley out to Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth, but it came to nothing. Later a line from Tivetshall Junction ran through Haleston to Bungay, which opened on 2nd November 1860. Originally the line had been planned to run on the Suffolk side of the river, but having been offered cheaper land on the Norfolk side, the plan was re-drawn.  The Ellingham to Beccles line opened on 2nd March 1863. It was unable to	Ellingham Station
	make a profit and the local gentry who had financed it were happy to allow the Great Eastern railway to incorporate it on the 2nd March 1863.	
	The coming of the railways changed the river traffic somewhat, but lighters and wherries still carried coal, fertilisers and cattle cake inland to Bungay and brought grain back.	
	Ellingham Locks Frolick as part of the Beccles Regatta.	Photo courtesy of Douglas Thomas

