

Almanac Items of Interest during the Year

Year 1925-26

1927

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1927).
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
Every care is taken to make the following list correct
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DECEMBER, 1925.

24--A lad named George Sayle, aged 14, was trampled on by a horse he was leading in Thorofare Yard. He died later from the injuries

30--31-Children's Party and Choir Supper at St. Matthew's Institute

31--Football Club held Carnival Dance

JANUARY, 1926.

1--New Year's party given to orphan children by the Vicar at the Parish Room

During the year 1925, 112 births and 57 deaths were registered in the Littleport sub-district. Of the latter, 30 were of persons of the age of 65 years and over, with a total of 2,289 years, or an average of over 76 years for each person

2--Mrs. Cecil Mott and Miss Ida Morton win Badminton honours at Cambridge

4--Ald. T. Peake elected President of the Littleport Branch of the British Legion

7--New Year's party at St. Matthew's Institute

8--Annual Xmas Party at Audley House in connection with Littleport Child Welfare

9--Special 14 days Mission conducted by Mr. W. Long, the Sheringham Fisherman, at the P.M. Chapel

11--Women's Institute.-Demonstrations in wool rug and rush basket making at Constitutional Hall

13--Annual Social Gathering of Members and Friends of Alexandra Institute at Constitutional Hall

19--Annual Meeting of Littleport Constitutional Club Branch of Mothers' Union started at St. Matthew's Sunday School Scholars' Tea at St. Crispin's

21--Bellringers of Parish Church held their annual Supper at the Cafe Marguerite

22--Death at Military Hospital, Gibraltar, of Private W. Pettit, son of Mr. and Mrs Pettit of Coronation Terrace

23--Mrs. D'Ynza Brace entertained her Bible Glass members to supper at St, Matthew's Vicarage

Crabbe's Dance Orchestra held successful carnival at Constitutional Hall

24--Scholars of Town Infants' School collect £2 2s. for Institute for the Blind Programme of P.S.A. at Primitive Methodist Chapel carried out by ladies, Mrs. Dunham of Ely presiding

27--Death of Mr. Robert Cheeseright, aged 87, at Trimley-St. Mary's, Felixstowe. He was formerly postmaster and grocer at Littleport, of which place he was a native

27--Parish Church Social and Dance at Constitutional Hall

30--Death of Mrs. Hannah Hill, aged 91 years, widow of the late Mr. Tom Hill

31--Death of Mrs. Thoday, aged 70, who lived at Hundred Feet Bank, Welney, all her life

FEBRUARY, 1926.

3--Annual Party at Constitutional Hall, in connection with Littleport Women's Institute. Mr Hawes, of Thetford, was the chief entertainer

4--Carnival Dance at St. Matthew's Institute

5--Parish Church Sunday School Prize giving at Town Girls' School

6--Special Mission commences in connection with Parish Church Missioner, Canon Vincent Watton

8--Billiards.-Littleport Constitutional Club v. March Liberal Club at March. Littleport won

!!! 9--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Demonstrations on fur curing and wax beads

10--Death of Mr. Ephraim Smith, aged 83 a well known farmer, of Black Horse Drove. He was a member of the Littleport and Downham drainage commissioners

11--Death of Mrs. Doe, aged 86, widow of the late Mr. T. Doe, who belonged to one of the oldest Littleport families

15--Successful Fancy Dress and Masked Dance at Constitutional Hall, in connection with Alexandra Institute

16--Conclusion of Mission at Parish Church

17--Concert at Constitutional Hall in aid of Primitive Methodist Organ Fund, arranged by Misses D Summerlee and D. Cross

18--Co-operative Society's Concert at Constitutional Hall

21---Presentation to Miss M. Gotobed, at Primitive Methodist Chapel, for past services as Sunday School Teacher The Lord Bishop of Ely preaches at Littleport Parish Church

24--Meeting at Hereward House in connection with N.S.P.C.C.

MARCH, 1926.

1--Whist Drive and Dance in aid of Football Club Meeting of members of Local Branch of British Legion

3--Meeting of Management Committee of Horticultural and Foal Show Society

!!! 3--Allocation of six houses by Ely Rural District Council. There were 70 applicants

Lecture in connection with Women's Institute by the Rev. F. J. Bywaters on the Passion Play at Oberammergau

!!! Sewerage Scheme discussed by Parish Council. The matter deferred

8--Miss Hotson gives demonstration at Women's Institute of recovering eider-down

10--Major Little addresses the Littleport Women's Conservative and Unionist Association at Wellington House

Fancy Dress Carnival Dance, at Constitutional Hall, in connection with Littleport Liberal Association

Meeting of Mothers' Union at Parish Room. Mrs. Brace gave the address

14--Men's afternoon Service at Parish Church

The P.S.A. at Primitive Methodist Chapel was conducted by local magistrates

15--Sale by Mr. H. G. Martin at Town Hall of land adjoining Willow Row Drove

16--Littleport Conservative Club v. March Liberal Club at Constitutional Hall. Billiards, Whist and Dominoes. The former were easy winners

17--Whist Drive and Dance in connection with Bowls Club at Constitutional Hall

Death, at Netley Hospital of Trooper Ernest George Gotobed, son of Mr. William Gotobed, of Beaconsfield Terrace

18--Presentation of Cup won at Billiards by Mr. C. Levitt at Constitutional Club

20--Hockey.--Littleport Alexandra Club v. Mildenhall at Mildenhall. The latter won 4-0.

21--Schoolmasters' Day at Primitive P.S.A.

24--There was no adult death in Littleport between February 11th and March 24th

Death of Mr. William Sallis, of York House, Main Street, a well-known resident

26--Annual Service of Mothers' Union at Parish Church

31--Special rendering by the Choir at Parish Church, of the Oratorio "Olivet to Calvary"

APRIL, 1926.

1--Collision between Motor Car and Motor Cycle at Granby Street corner. The rider of the latter (Mr D Fyfe) had a miraculous escape

2--Service of Song at Primitive Methodist church

3--Sale of flowers and flags in aid of Ely Red Cross Clinic. Nearly £7 was realised

5--Easter Monday.-Tea and Social at St. Matthew's Institute. A presentation was made to Miss Milly Curtis who was retiring from her post as organist

6--Annual Meeting of Trustees of Town Lands Charity at Town Hall Accounts for the year passed

7--Annual Vestry Meeting at Parish Church for election of Wardens Sidesmen, &c.

8--The following pupils of Miss E. Theobald were successful in Music Exams of Associated Board R.A.M. and E.C.M.M. L. Cheeseright, Gwenith Barlow, Freda Gent (Hilgay), Queenie Goddard and Joseph B. Atkins

9--Final Tournament of Season of Littleport Badminton Club. Mr. C. Broker and Mrs. Price were the winners

10--Football.-Littleport Schoolboys lost to Cambridge 4-2

11--Mr. W. Chapman's portrait hung in Belfry Chamber

!!! Egg Service at Parish Church. 1,166 eggs were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital

12--Members' Night at Women's Institute

14--Billiards, Whist and Dominoes at Ely. Ely v. Littleport Conservative Club. Ely won 10—3

Death of Mrs. Thomas Gotobed, of Victoria Street

Fancy Dress Dance at Constitutional Hall in connection with Women's Institute

15--Pitman's Shorthand.-Miss I. Coverdale, Sidney J. Levitt and J. Raymond Atkins gained certificates for proficiency

Annual Meeting of local Conservative Association

16--Annual Meeting at Town Hall of Littleport Bowls Club

Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute spend a jolly evening Meeting at Constitutional Hall to form Branch of National Deposit Friendly Society

17--Horace Butcher meets with Motor Cycle accident on returning from Downham Market

18--Suspension Bridge Primitive Chapel re-opened after renovation

Last P.S.A. Service of Winter Season at Primitive Methodist Chapel Visit of Cottenham Salvation Army Band

19--Concert at Constitutional Hall by Scholars and young people of the Primitive Methodist Church

20--Flying Billiard Handicap (20 up) at Constitutional Club. A. Thompson was the winner

21--Rendering of Elgar's "Banner of St. George," by Littleport Choral Society at Constitutional Hall

Annual Meeting of Parish **Council**. Mr. Horace Martin was elected chairman.

23--Death of Mr Robert Rayner. He was blind for 52 years. This was caused through an accident in a Nottingham coal pit

25--Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary

27--Return Match at Littleport. Billiards Whist Dominoes, etc, Littleport v. Ely Conservative Clubs, Littleport won 7—4

28--Death of Mr. James Seeker, grocer, a native of Littleport Concert at Wesleyan Chapel given by Ely Wesleyan Choir

29--A Memorial Service to the late Rev. F. B. Rogers, former Vicar of Littleport, took place at St. Matthew's Church, Cambridge, at which Church he was Senior Curate for some years. The gifts dedicated to his memory included : an inscribed mural tablet, a lectern, and a clergy desk and choir stalls. The Church was packed. The Service was attended by many people from Littleport

MAY, 1926.

1--Jumble Sale at Salvation Army Citadel

!!! 3--General Strike began. Trains and newspapers stopped. Only motors with food allowed to enter London

4--Littleport Choral Society.-Presentations by Miss Cheek (Secretary) of a handbag to Miss Elsie Theobald and a walking stick to the Rev. N. W. Shelton, as tokens of appreciation of their services

10--Mr. Walter Titmarsh, son of Mr. William Titmarsh of Littleport, was accidentally killed in a motor accident at Leytonstone

!!! Big lorry containing cabbages stuck fast all night on Suspension Bridge, Welney

Women's Institute.-Demonstrations on cane-seating and raffia work Sudden death of Mr. George Craddock, schoolmaster at Prickwillow

11--Presentation of Prizes to winners of Billiard Handicap at British Legion Hut Meeting of Littleport Co-operative Women's Guild at Cafe Marguerite

12--Annual Meeting at Town Hall of members of Littleport Swimming, Club. Sir Frederick Hiam was elected President for ensuing year

13--Mrs. P. Gross collects over £6 for National Children's Home

14--Dance at Constitutional Hall in connection with Alexandra Hockey Club

15--Inquest on Mrs. Sarah Nightall of The Holmes, who accidentally met her death by falling downstairs

23--Special Sermons for S.P.G. at the Parish Church. Rev. Halliwell preached

24--Whit Monday.-Crabbe's Dance Orchestra arrange successful evening at Constitutional Hall

Empire Day celebrated by Girl Guides at Highfield

25--3rd Annual Birthday Party of Women's Co-operative Guild at Café Marguerite

28--Hospital Sunday Committee held general meeting in Constitutional Hall

29--Cricket. Littleport v. Lakenheath. The latter won

JUNE, 1926.

1--Primitive Methodist quarterly meeting

2--Littleport Parish **Council** Meeting. Discussion of high rates. Sale of Parish Water Cart for 30/-

3--Major Leslie Swann, D.S.O., of Beck House, Feltwell, met with serious motor accident on Ely Road near the Cut Bridge; His motor broke through railings on side of road and entered the 18ft. drain. He narrowly escaped drowning

Littleport Angling Club held their Annual Meeting at the Black Horse Inn

8--The Littleport Schoolboys Football Team were entertained by Mr. J. Cross to an enjoyable tea at the Boys' School. The medals won during Season were presented by Mr. Barlow

!!! 9--Excursion by motors of members of Women's Institute to Hunstanton

10--Severe hailstorm at Littleport

13--Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary at Constitutional Hall

14--Women's Institute. Demonstrations on Barbold work and paper flowers

15--Co-operative Children's Gala in Mr. W. Thornhill's Field

16--Women's Institute. Annual Fete at Constitutional Hall

17--The Isle of Ely Challenge Shield for Singing was competed for by choirs from five different Schools. The winning team was that of Wisbech St. Peter

21--Burial of Mrs. South, aged 92, one of Littleport's oldest inhabitants

22--Dance by Members and Friends on the Alexandra Hall Lawn

Women's Institute County fete at March

Bowls Knock-out Tournament.-Mr. T. Morton was the winner

26--A lad named Jack Reed, of Old Bank Farm, received severe injuries by being kicked in the face by a horse

27--Anniversary Services at Salvation Army Hall

28--Dance on St. Matthew's Vicarage Lawn

29--Primitive Methodist Sunday School Outing to Hunstanton

30--Vital Statistics.-In the Littleport Sub-district, during the quarter ending June 30th, there were 35 births and 14 deaths. 9 of the persons who died were 65 years of age and upwards, with an average of over 81 years each

JULY, 1926.

2--Enjoyable Dance on Lawn of Alexandra Institute

4--114th Sunday School Anniversary at Wesleyan Church

7--Annual Outing of Littleport Wesleyan Sunday School Scholars to Hunstanton

Garden Party, given by Mr. T. Mott, in connection with Women's Conservative Association

8--Death of Mrs. William Benton, an old inhabitant, of Camel Road

9--Doris Francis, Iris Welbourne, Patsy Jordan, Katharine Spinks and Josie Wilson were successful at recent examination in music in connection with Trinity College

11--Annual Flower Service at Parish Church

12--Demonstrations of leather work and paper hat making at Women's Institute

13--Miss Betty Russell and Master Raymond Atkins are successful in examinations for pianoforte playing

14--Miss Betty Law, formerly of Littleport, married to Mr. H. William Luff, at Melbourne, Australia

15--First Fishing Match of the Season in connection with Littleport Angling Club. Mr. A. W. Thompson took first prize

17--United Church Sunday School Outing by special train to Hunstanton

18--Dr. Lionel Perry, son of former vicar of Littleport, drowned whilst bathing in sea at Mundesley, Norfolk

21--Addenbrooke's Hospital County Organisation Fund. £44 16s. 3d. was collected locally for this fund

24--First day of Littleport Feast.

Hospital Flag Day. Over £13 was realized

25--Hospital Sunday Parade. The weather was unfavourable

26--First Annual Tournament of Littleport Bowls Club. The Cup was won by team comprising: Messrs. D. Spencely, P. Pitch and A. Butcher

27--Littleport 43rd Annual Horticultural and 26th Annual Foal Shows at Highfield. Very large attendance

28--Last day of Feast

Annual Swimming Sports on the River near Sandhill Bridge. Record entries. The Challenge Cup was won by N. R. McConnel, C.U.S.C. Mr. J. H. Martin's VII. won the polo match

30--Mr. E. J. P. Osborne, Director of Education of the County of Radnorshire, elected to the post of Education Secretary of the Isle of Ely. There were 63 applicants

31--Prize Drawings at Brewery Corner, on behalf of Hospital Sunday Committee. The winner of the heifer was Mr. John Hicks

AUGUST, 1926.

2--Over 200 people booked train tickets to Hunstanton, a similar number to Lynn, and many others to Ely and Cambridge

3--Town Lands Charity. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gill elected to vacant house in the Holmes

4--Successful dance on lawn of Alexandra Institute Tennis Tournament arranged by Women's Institute, on Mr. H. Peacock's lawn, in aid of Old Age Pensioners' Tea

Inquest on John Betts, a labourer, who was accidentally run over by a "Jack Straw," and who inadvertently drank tincture of iodine as a medicine

5--Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Martin, about 70 members of the Mothers' Meetings had an enjoyable day at Hunstanton

6--Juvenile Water Sports at Swimming Bath. Mr. Fendick's medal was won by E. Harrison

8--Motor Cycle accident to Horace George Butcher at Sutterton. His leg was broken in a collision with a motor car

9--Dance on St. Matthew's Vicarage Lawn

10--Great Bowls Tournament on King's School Playing Field at Ely

!!! 11--Parish Council Meeting.-Extension of Water Supply Scheme discussed

16--First Meeting of the Season of the Littleport Football Club

17--Misses E. R. Gill, M. L. Cheeseright, and A. Hatch were successful in obtaining the School Certificate of the Cambridge University Local Examination, the former with honours.

18--About 60 members of the local Co-operative Society had an enjoyable outing to Lowestoft by motors

19--Death of Mrs. Sarah Barrett. of Black Horse Drove, an old inhabitant

24--Mr. A. Wright entertains Church Choir Boys to tea and. motor outing

25--Excursion of Juvenile Shepherds to Yarmouth, in celebration of Centenary Death of Mrs. Rebecca Register, a well-known inhabitant Cinema Entertainment, given by Mr. V. Watson, in aid of Hospital Fund

27--Nurse Fyson gave an address at Littleport Child Welfare Centre on the care of the teeth

29--Despatch of letters at 8.30 p.m. established at Littleport

31--By the kind permission of Mr. T. Mott, the members of Littleport Bowls Club spend pleasant evening on the lawn at Wellington House

SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1--Mr. R. L. Harwood, of Littleport, and a pupil of Soham Grammar School, passed the Higher School Certificate in Chemistry, Botany, and Shakespeare. He passed the School Certificate with honours in 1924

5--Annual Fishing Match in River Lark, of Littleport Angling Club. 74 competed. Only 18 caught fish. Mr. A. E. Newman, of Ely, was the winner

13--Annual Meeting of Littleport Alexandra Hockey Club Mr. Stanley Green, of March, spoke on "Talks on Gossip," at the Women's Institute

18--Week-end Visit Of Rev. A. Morter to Primitive Methodist Chapel

19--Serious Motor Cycle accident through collision with car on Ely Road. The injured people were Mr. William Collins and Miss Elsie

21--Marriage at March, of Mr. George Theobald to Miss Lilian Payne

21--Second visit to Wellington House of Littleport Bowls Club. A friendly match took place, Mr. H. Barlow being the winner

22--Harvest Festival Service at Parish Church. Dr. Murray preached

24--The Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Jackson entertain scholars and adult members of the Wesleyan Church, to a tea and Social evening in the Schoolroom

25--Mr. T. Mott treated the Choir of the Parish Church to an outing at Hunstanton

26--Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church, Wesleyan Chapel, and Primitive Methodist Chapel

27--Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Willmott, of Hundred Feet Bank

The Littleport Schools re-open after seven weeks harvest holiday

Mr. and Mrs. C. Goddard appointed as master and mistress of Dairy Houses School, in succession to Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott. Mr. C Goddard was assistant master at the Littleport Town Boys School for nearly 30 years

29--Bowls Tournament by Littleport Club in aid of National Institute for the Blind.

Littleport Women's Institute give tea and concert at Constitutional, Hall to old age pensioners

!!! 30--No death was registered in the Littleport Sub-District during the month of September. The population of this district is 6,500 It is over 28 years since the last blank month, viz: January, 1898

OCTOBER, 1926.

!!! 2--Only two days supply of coal at the Gas Works. More gas was used in September than in any month recorded by the Gas Company

3--Opening Session of P.S.A. at Primitive Methodist Church

4--Town Lands Charity meet to allot vacant lands

Mr. H. Scott, late Schoolmaster at Dairy Houses, commences his duties at Sutton (Cambs.) School

5--Littleport Choral Society meets at Town Girls' School

11--Violin Class started at Boys' School. The instructor is Mr. J. S. Nightingale, of Ely Members' Night in connection with Women's Institute at Constitutional Hall

12--Annual Autumn Tea and Dance at Alexandra Institute

13--Women's Institute hold Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the blind

16--Cheap excursion to London

18--Meeting of Hospital Committee to distribute funds raised during the year. Nearly £250 was sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital

19--Badminton--Men's doubles--Littleport v. Stoke Ferry. The latter won

20--Sacred, film "Joseph and his Brethren," shown at Cinema Hall, in aid of Wesleyan Organ Fund

25--Presentation by Members of Teachers' Tennis Club to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goddard (their oldest members), who had been appointed to Dairy Houses School

26--Branch of the County Free Library opened at the Town. Girls' School, under superintendence of Miss Cheek

27--Meeting of Parish **Council** for various business

30--William Thornhill and Miss Ruby Hart married at Ely Registry Office

31--The Dean of Lincoln preached at Littleport Church

NOVEMBER, 1926.

!!! 1--Town Infants' School closed for two weeks, owing to epidemic of measles

3--Death of Mr. Benjamin Russell, an old inhabitant, at Addenbrooke's Hospital

4--Conservative Association Concert at Constitutional Hall

5--Badminton--Littleport v. Bury Ladies. The former won 7-2

Death of Mrs. Herbert Lofts, of Vine Cottage, Ely Road

8--The Rev. S. Addleshaw, B.D., delivered an address on "Dickens Life and Work," at the Littleport Women's Institute

11--Dance at Constitutional Hall, in connection with Littleport Alexandra Hockey Club

Poppy Day. Local sale of poppies realized over £38

14--Missionary Services at-Primitive Methodist Church

17--Miss Gladys Martin, daughter of Rev. W. W. Martin, married to Dr A. L. Cyril Doyle, at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon

Littleport Choral Society arrange for the performance of Edward German's opera, "Tom Jones" Concert at Cinema Hall, given by Ely Choir, in aid of Littleport Wesleyan Organ Fund

20--Town Boys' School Football team spend enjoyable day at Norwich

21--Mrs. Joseph Porter, of Sandhill, knocked down by motor cycle, and badly bruised and cut.

Collision in Church Lane between motor car and motor cycle. The driver of the latter (Mr. Leslie Lofts), was severely shaken

22--Meeting in connection with Foreign Mission at Mildenhall Road Wesleyan Chapel

23--Badminton-Littleport Ladies v. Chesterton Ladies. The former won 9-0

Presentation to Town Girls' School of a handsome mahogany Honours board, given by girls of the School who had gained County Scholarships since 1907

24--Concert by members of local Co-operative Society at Cinema Hall

26--Badminton-Littleport v. Cambridge, at Cambridge. The former won 8-1

Salvation Army. Special Mission commenced by Major Ward

DECEMBER, 1926.

1--Annual Foreign Missionary Meeting at Wesleyan Chapel

First meeting of "Missionary Training School" at Parish Room

Football Whist Drive and Dance at Constitutional Hall

8--Tennis Club hold Whist Drive and Dance at St. Matthew's Institute

Death of Mrs. H. Ashby, of the "Granby" Hotel

4--Death at Addenbrooke's Hospital of Mr. George Cant, Sandhill gatekeeper

6--Badminton—Littleport II. v. Bury II. at Bury. Littleport won 8—1

Major Ward, Salvation Army, concludes his mission with a meeting at the Wesleyan Church

Death of Mr. Tom Webb, a well-known personality in Littleport Quarterly Circuit Meeting at Primitive Methodist Church

8--Wesleyan Concert at Constitutional Hall by friends from Ten Mile Bank and Hilgay

9--Concert at St. Matthew's Institute

13--Women's Institute.-Mrs. Morgan resigns Secretaryship. Miss Edith Morton succeeds to the post. Mrs. Glenfield Martin was again elected president

14--Annual Meeting at Town Hall, of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. Mr. John S. Fendick completed his 30 years of office as Secretary

20--Long Night Dance at St. Matthew's Institute

27--Drawing Match on Mr. Gilbert's land at Burnt Chimney Drove



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