



Items of Interest during the Year 1937-38

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1939).

Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
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DECEMBER, 1937.

23--Marriage, at Cambridge, of Mr. A. T. Dobson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dobson, of Main Street, Littleport, and Miss A. M. Yerrill, of Bristol

25--Christmas Day-Yuletide ushered in by a peal on the bells of the Parish Church at 6 a.m.

26--Boxing Day-Drawing Match at St. Matthews'-Messrs. G. Bowgen, G. Hensby and K. Cooper were first, second and third respectively Drawing Match at Hale Fen resulted as follows: 1 A Morton 2 S. Stubbings, 3 B. Murfitt

27--Mr. and Mrs. Gillet Taylor, former residents of Littleport, and in living in Ely, celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at Littleport Parish Church in 1887

28--Death of Mr. J. S. Fendick, of Cross Drain Farm, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Fendick held the position of Head Master of the Town Hoys' School for 22 years, retiring in 1919 to take up farming

31--Death of Mrs. Alice Nunn. of Victoria Street, Littleport, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. Kisby, of Ten Mile Bank

Successful concert in aid of the Church Repair Fund held at Little Ouse

JANUARY, 1938.

2--Mr. Morler, of International Headquarters, London, conducted the morning's meeting in connection with the Local Corps of the Salvation Army

6--Prizes distributed by Miss Arber at annual Sunday School treat held in connection with St. Crispin's Mission

9--Sudden collapse and death of Mr. Louis King, of Ely, in a bus which was standing in Church Lane, Littleport

10--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Miss A. Peake gave a demonstration on the making of sea grass stools

11--Members of the newly formed Littleport branch of the St. John Ambulance Association given instructions in bandage work

Death, at Manea, at the age of 67 years, of Mr. William Walker, a native of Littleport

12--Fire at the home of Mrs. Towler, of Millfield, extinguished by neighbours

About 90 people sat down to a New Year's supper held in St. John's Methodist Schoolroom in connection with the local Christian Endeavour Society

14--£1 10s. collected at Town Infants' School in aid of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind

15--Marriage, at Tydd St. Giles, of Mr. E. J. W. Gates, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gates, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport, and Miss H. J. Groves, of Tydd St. Giles

19--Sixty-three children and forty-five mothers attended the annual Christmas Party of the Littleport Maternity and Child Welfare Centre

£12 raised for St. Dunstan's Hostels for the Blind as the result of a Whist Drive and Dance, held at the Grange

Miss Benton (local secretary for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) received a letter expressing thanks for Littleport's contribution to the funds of the Society in 1937

20--Annual dinner of Littleport Constitutional Club. There was an attendance of no less than 150

23--Sudden collapse and death in the High Street Baptist Church, Old Basford, Nottingham, of Mr. Fuller Stebbings, a native of Littleport. He was 74

24--Billiards-J. Lofts defeated J. B. Morgan in the final of the Greene King Challenge Shield handicap competition at the Constitutional Club

25--Presentation made to Miss Ruth Lincoln by members of the Littleport "Imps" to mark the occasion of her coming marriage

Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mr. W. J. Paxton, of Parsons Lane, Littleport

26--Juvenile Odd Fellows, with their parents, entertained by the Little-port "Hereward" Lodge. The guests numbered about 260

Twenty-first birthday of Miss Gladys Gotobed, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gotobed, of High Street, celebrated at a party at her home

28--Visit of Barnado Musical Boys to Littleport. The net proceeds amounted to £25/19/9

30--31-Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Littleport Corps of the Salvation Army

31--Miss Joan Murfitt gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer 1.

FEBRUARY, 1938.

2--Marriage, at the Parish Church, of Mr. John Carruthers, of Garlieston, Scotland, and Miss Ruth Lincoln, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lincoln, of Granby Street

3--Death of Lady Hiam

4--Annual meeting of the Bowls Club. Mr. Pilkington, the winner of the Club's singles competition, was presented with the "Greene King" Challenge Cup

Miss Doreen Stevens gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer 1.

6--Mrs. Gillett, of Christchurch, conducted annual service in connection with the young people's section of the local Corps of the Salvation Army

7--Annual Parish Church meeting. The accounts showed a deficit of £10/10/3, but compared favourably with the deficit of over £57 at the end of the previous year

Monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union. An address was given by Rev. C. F. T. Willis

Badminton--Hereward Badminton Club defeated a team from Stoke Ferry

8--Annual tea of the local branch of the Women's Conservative Association Annual meeting of the local Maternity and Child Welfare Centre

14--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Mrs. Blackwell, of Kennett. gave a demonstration on egg recipes

A new flag of the local Corps of the Salvation Army dedicated

!!! 16--The provision of a new swimming pool and the erection of a mortuary discussed at a meeting of the Parish Council

Women's Institute annual party. A presentation was made to Miss E. Morton, who had left the district

18--Death of Mrs. Susan Coe, of West Row, at the home of her daughter. Mrs. J. Flack, of Old Bank, Littleport

Presentation made to Mr. Eric Gates at a supper for members of the Victoria Street Methodist Church Choir, to mark his recent marriage

19--A flower day, in connection with the Self-Denial Appeal of the local Corps of the Salvation Army, realised £2/16/4

20--Mr. C. P. Francis, a motor-cyclist, of Bulldog Bridge Farm, involved in a collision with a car driven by Mr. Carman Howe, of Old Bank. Mr. Francis sustained a fracture to his right ankle

Death of Mrs. Jary wife of the Rev. R. J. A. Jary (Rector of Tydd St. Giles). She was a former resident of Littleport

!!! The six sons and three daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Cross, of Littleport, met together at the Victoria Street Bakery for the first time in 34 years

23--Annual meeting of Little Ouse Cricket Club

24--Successful concert held at Little Ouse, organised by the Church entertainment committee

25--Dominoes-Shield presented by Messers. Hall, Cutlack & Harlock won by G. Rogers at the Constitutional Club

27--Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mrs I. E. Thorley, wife of Mr P. E. Thorley, of Friars Way.

28--Death at his home in Cambridge, of Sir Frederick Hiam, at the age of 66 years

House to house collection made by members of the St John's and Victoria Street Methodist Churches on behalf of the National Children's Home and Orphanage, realised £10 15s.

MARCH, 1938.

1--Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Cedric Youngs, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Youngs, of Hempfield Place

4--Miss Olive Chapman gained a final certificate for the complete theory. of Pitman's Shorthand

!!! 5--Property belonging to Messrs. J. W. & T. R. Morton, of Westlands, and situated near the Three Horse Shoes, Wisbech Road destroyed by fire. The damage was estimated to cost nearly £500

7--Annual meeting of Littleport "Hereward" Lodge of Odd Fellows. It was revealed that the past year had been one of uninterrupted progress

Annual meeting of Littleport Butchers' Cricket Club

Death of Kenneth Victor Milson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Milson, of Kenny Hill, formerly of Littleport

10--Six-year-old Ronald Elmore, of 67, Ely Road, involved in a collision with a motor van. He sustained a fracture of the left leg

11--R. Osborne won the "Joe Lofts" Darts Challenge Cup at the Black Horse Inn, Black Horse Drove

Darts--A cup, presented by Mr. J. A. de Rothschild, M.P., won by C. Baker at the British Legion Club

!!! 14--Women's Institute members' night. Mr. R. Rigby (organiser of Air Raid Precautions for the Isle of Ely), gave a talk

19--First show of the Littleport and District Canine Society held in the Corn Exchange, Ely. There were nearly 200 entries

Recruiting Meeting, held in connection with "B" Company (Ely) 1st Battalion Cambs. Regiment in the Constitutional Hall, poorly supported

27--The Rev. Leonard Simpson, who had recently returned to England from India, preached at St. John's Methodist Church

30--Annual presentation of prizes won by members in the various games competitions at the British Legion Club. It was revealed that Mr. J. Sparrow had won both billiards handicap competitions

APRIL, 1938.

1--Football-Town Boys' School defeated Hilgay Boys at Hilgay in the semi-final of the Littleport Charities Cup competition

2--The local Liberals Tennis Club raised £5 for their funds by means of a Jumble Sale

2-3--Visit of the famous Croydon Citadel Salvation Army Band to Littleport

4--Annual meeting of Littleport Town Lands Charity.

Darts--The Black Horse Darts Club defeated a strong team from Littleport

!!! 5--First lecture for A.R.P. volunteers held in the Town Hall. It was revealed that there were over 70 volunteers for service

6--Alderman T. Peake, D.L., J.P., returned to the bench with his fellow magistrates at

the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, having completed his term of office as High Sheriff of Cambs., Hunts., and the Isle of Ely

8--At the recent examination held at Cambridge in connection with the Associated Board, Royal Schools of Music, Helen Kaplin, a pupil of Mrs. R. R. Cross, passed with full marks in Grade IV. Rudiments of Music

!!! Sudden outbreak of fire at the Empire Cinema. It was estimated that the damage done would cost over £700 to rectify

10--Special Services in connection with Mothers' Day held by the local Corps of the Salvation Army

11--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. A collection of eggs was made for Addenbrooke's Hospital

12--Annual meeting of Littleport Women's Conservative Association. A balance in hand of over £28 was revealed

!!! More A.R.P. workers enrolled for Littleport

13--Annual meeting of Littleport Amalgamated Friendly Societies Charities' Committee.

It was agreed to hold the next church parade on Sunday, July 24th, 1939

15--Good Friday-Rev. E. J. Toase (Rector of Benwick), conducted the special service held in the Parish Church Service of Song entitled "Peggy and Billy," held in Victoria Street Methodist Church

Salvationists from March visited the local Corps of the Salvation Army

16--Death of Mr. Bertram Mills, the famous showman and circus proprietor. He was recently adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for the Isle of Ely

17--Easter Day-Special speaker at the Gospel Hall was Mr. Mullenden, of Lowestoft

18--Easter Monday-Members of the local corps of the Salvation Army paid a return visit to March.

20--Annual meeting of Parish Council Alderman T Peake D L J P agreed to fill the office of chairman for yet another year

21--Death, in a London nursing home, at the age of 98 of Mrs Elizabeth Garner, an old inhabitant of Littleport

22--Death, at Bury St. Edmunds, at the home of her grand-daughter of Mrs. Deborah Parsons, at the age of 74

Miss Edith Hannent gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer 1.

23--Football--Town Club defeated Mai-ham R.A.F, in final of the Wimbotisham Hospital Cup

24--Rev. C E Gentle, of Louth, Lincs , formerly Methodist Minister of Littleport, preached at St John's Methodist Church

25--Billiards-"Henry Thompson" Cup won by C. Easey at the Constitutional Club

!!! 28--First of a course of eight lectures on air raid precautions for the Fire Brigade and St. John Ambulance Brigade given at the Town Hall

30--Members of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade attended a County Ambulance parade, held at Ely

MAY, 1938.

1--Anniversary services of St. John's Methodist Church. The Rev. Howard Jackson, B A , former Minister of the Ely Methodist Circuit, was the special preacher

4--About £8 was the result of a Jumble Sale organised by members of the Women's Institute

7--Football-Isle Schools' Cup, final. Littleport Boys v. March Boys Match drawn after extra time. It was decided that each school should hold the trophy for six months

Buttercup Day held in Littleport in aid of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital

9--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Awards won in the Ely handicraft exhibition were presented to Mrs. Barber and Mrs. H. Wilson

Special dedication service held in the Salvation Army Citadel to dedicate the baby daughter of Capt, and Mrs. Seale

10--Annual meeting of Littleport Nursing Association The chairman referred to the loss the committee had sustained in the death of Mr. William Gotobed and Mr. J. S. Fendick

Billiards--Final of the Trillwood Cup won by T. Sallis at the Constitutional Club

11--Annual meeting of Littleport Swimming Club It was decided to close the clubs bath to the public owing to its unsatisfactory condition.

Successful jumble sale held by Littleport St Matthew's Mothers' Union in aid of the Church fete Messrs H Coleby and M Walker of Littleport qualified to play in the

second round of the News of the World individual darts championship

14--Football-Creake Charity Shield final Town Club defeated by Camden United (Cambridge) on the occasion of their first appearance in the final round

15--Visit of the Fakenham Temple Salvation Army Band to Littleport

16--Mr Wilfred Lawson of Littleport a lorry driver involved in a serious collision with a car near St Ives Hunts Mr Lawson escaped unhurt but one of the occupants of the car was killed instantly

17--Meeting of Parish Council A long discussion on the proposed new swimming bath took place

18--First annual dinner of Littleport Town Football Club It was revealed that the club had been in existence for 31 years

!!! The band of the 1st Batt Cambridgeshire Regiment visited Littleport to encourage young men to join the Territorial Army

27--Visit to London of six junior members of the British Legion Band, under the charge of Mr J Hawkes deputy bandmaster

28--Death at Addenbrooke's Hospital of Mr Michael Kerridge, of Hope House Littleport

29--Farewell services to Capt and Mrs Searle held in the Salvation Army Hall

31--Master Tony Hepher of Bush Farm involved in an accident with an Eastern Counties bus

JUNE, 1938.

2--Arrival from March of Capt and Mrs Wilson to take up their duties in connection with the local Corps of the Salvation Army

5--Whit Monday--Enjoyable dance held in the Church Room, Little Ouse

7--Half yearly meeting of Hereward Lodge of Odd Fellows It was proposed to erect a hall and two cottages on a site purchased in Church Lane

!!! Cinema show given on Gas House Green by a travelling cinema van in support of the National Government. Over 200 people assembled

10--Death of Mr F W Morgan a former resident of Littleport, at Waltham Cross London

13--Outing of local Butchers' Cricket Club to Luton. A match was played with a

Luton club which resulted in a win for Luton Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. A competition for the best bowl of roses was won by Miss Peake

15--Messrs. H. J. & H. G. Martin gained successes in the shire horse classes at the Royal Norfolk Show, held at Hunstanton

17--Mr. Kenneth Pope gained a final certificate for the complete theory of Pitman's Shorthand

18--Visit to the Parish Church of bellringers from Bedford and Stow-Market. Comment was made on the good condition of the bells

!!! 22--Meeting of Parish Council. It was agreed that the Council should take over the old swimming bath from the Swimming Club and provide a filter bed so that children could use it

25--Members of the central branch of the Ely Diocesan Association of Bellringers met at St. Matthew's Church

26--Sister blind Lily Payne, of King's Lynn, was the special speaker at the Salvation Army meetings

!!! 28--Air Raid Precaution badges and certificates presented to those who had passed examinations qualifying them for various services. Major Gordon Fowler congratulated Littleport on their 100 % membership of A.R.P.

29--Littleport Methodists' annual fete held in the grounds of Mr. & Mrs, J- H. Adams. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Joseph H. Martin, of Black Horse Drove

A ladies' section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade formed in Littleport. Thirty-one ladies were enrolled

30--Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mr. Frederick Reynolds, son of Mr. Love Reynolds

Brandon Creek Farm and Cold Harbour Farm, sold by auction by direction of the trustees of the late Rev. John C. Martin, made £25,200

JULY, 1938.

1--Sale of 358 acres of land belonging to the late Mr. Herbert Watson realised £18,495

2--Annual outing of Littleport bellringers to Clacton under the charge of Mr. J. Atkins

3--128th anniversary of St. John's Methodist Sunday School

5--St Matthew's Church garden fete opened by Mrs. Rudduck, of West Mersey, Essex. She was presented with a bouquet by Brenda Howard

Annual outing to Hunstanton of Black Horse Drove Sunday School

8--Presentation made by members of the Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute to Miss Denmark, their Secretary, as a parting gift

9--Members of the Snipe and Partridge Outing club spent an enjoyable day at Southend

Miss Lily Thurling and Miss Fairy Dade gained final certificates for the complete theory of Pitman's Shorthand.

10--Annual flower service at the Parish Church. Rev. J. Wallis Vicar of Chesterton, Cambridge, preached

11--Mr. R. W. Cobbin, of Littleport, won the long-distance swim through Ely at a river gala held in connection with the Ely Amateur Swimming club

12--Death of Mr. George Arthur Pimm, of the Old Vicarage, Denver, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Pimm was a former resident of Littleport

13--United Sunday School outing to Hunstanton. The children and parents numbered over 600

16--British Red Cross flag day in Littleport realised £8/12/8

17--Over 50 members of the Littleport British Legion, with the Legion Band, attended the annual County Rally, held at March

18--Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mrs. Emmaline Nellie Parker. wife of Mr. T. Parker, of Friars Way

19--Water sports held in connection with Little Ouse Swimming Club highly successful

20--Twenty-three mothers and twenty-nine children of the Infant and Child Welfare Centre enjoyed an outing to Hunstanton

24--Annual church Parade. The collections amounted to £46/5/9

Brigadier Hal Beckitt, Divisional Commander for Norfolk, conducted Salvation Army services.

25--Cricket-Kirkland Cup, final round--Haddenham heavily defeated by Common Acre

26--55th Annual show of the Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. There was a record attendance, a record entry of foals, and a record number of entries in the agriculture and horticultures Sections. The Dog Show, introduced by the Littleport and District Canine Society, attracted nearly 700 entries

27--Angling-The Littleport Challenge Cup, for members of the Littleport Angling Club, won by Mr. W. Leggett Annual water sports, organised by Littleport Swimming Club. witnessed by a large crowd, The Challenge Cup was won by A. C. Leigh (Granta A.S.C.)

29--Mr. A. Spinks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spinks, of Victoria Street, obtained a first class pass in Chemistry in a recent London University Examination

30--Marriage, at the Methodist Church, Sutton, of Miss Alexandra L. Taylor and Mr. Cecil E, Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs, Horace Cox.

AUGUST, 1938.

3--Outbuildings, a yard and hay stack, completely burned out at Mr. W. Gilbert's premises at the bottom end of Burnt Chimney Drove

Meeting of Parish Council. Mr. B. Washington was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. M. Kerridge

5--Mr. W. Sparrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sparrow, of Wisbech Road, awarded the Diploma of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in a recent London University Examination

Miss D. A. Dade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dade, of Globe Lane, gained the B.Sc. Degree, London University Examination

9--Hazel Norman, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Norman, of Mill Field, knocked down by a motor lorry and severely injured

11--Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mr. Eliza Pepper, of Wisbech Road

Mr. W. Cross, of the Littleport Swimming Club, broke his own record for the 50 yards open scratch race at the Green Plunge Swimming Pool, Royston, by winning the event in 26 3.5 secs.

12--Tragic death of Miss Phyllis May Oakey, of The Crescent, who was accidentally run over by a motor lorry in High Street

16--Death, at Bury St. Edmunds, of Captain Robert Barber, M.C., a native of Littleport. He was 63

!!! 19--Mr. A. E. Silcock, of the Crown Inn, while digging potatoes, unearthed one in the exact shape of a bird

25--Swimming-At the Jesus Green Bath, Cambridge, Mr. W. Cross, of the local Swimming Club, gained second place in the 50 yards race for the championship of Cambridge. Fred Hockley, of Littleport, gained third place in the men's open diving event

27--Angling-The Collinson Challenge Cup, fished for at Littleport, won by Soham and District Angling Association

29--Death, at the Bernard Baron Hospital, Papworth, of Mr. Kenneth G. Harwood

30--Special meeting of the Littleport St. John Ambulance Association held for the purpose of forming a brigade

31--Littleport Swimming Club held sports for junior swimmers in the Wisbech Road bath. Girls beat boys in a water polo match by five goals to one

SEPTEMBER, 1938.

1--The resignation came into effect of the Rev. N. W. Shelton, M.A., from the living of Littleport St. George. Mr Shelton, who came to Littleport in 1916, left the town to reside with his son, the Rev. R. N. Shelton, at Gawthorpe Vicarage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire

9--The recent geranium day held in Littleport in aid of the Isle of Ely National Institute for the Blind realised £9/9/1

12--Monthly meeting of Women's institute. Mrs. Laws won a competition for making chutney

17--Flag day held in Littleport in aid of the Waifs and Strays' Society. £9/14/0 was collected

21--Parish Council meeting. The question of the provision of a new swimming pool for Littleport deferred for three months

23--Miss Edna Hobbs gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer 1.

25--Visit to Littleport Methodists of Ely Wesley Choir

27--Annual party for old age pensioners given by Littleport Women's Institute. 114 pensioners attended

30--Thanksgiving service held in St. John's Methodist Church to commemorate the peaceful solution of the international crisis. The Rev. S. Oakley conducted the service

OCTOBER, 1938.

2--All Salvation Army services conducted by Major H. Ferguson, of Norwich

5--Meeting of Amalgamated Friendly Societies Charities' Committee, £69 was allocated to various charities

Butchers' Cricket Club held a successful sausage supper at the "George & Dragon" Inn

7--Recent flag day in Littleport for Dr. Barnado's Homes yielded over £14

British Legion Club commenced their winter programme by holding a freak ball billiards competition. The winner was W. Easey

16--Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson, of 83, Victoria Street, celebrated their golden wedding

Mr. A. Place, licensee of the Granby Hotel, walked to Ely and back for a wager, which he won

17--Darts-"George & Dragon" v. "Plough & Harrow." The "Plough & Harrow" team won

18--Whist drive and dance held in St. Matthew's Institute in aid of the Littleport & District Nursing Association realised £2/14/0

25--Visit of Mr. Harry Willett, of London, to the Town Schools. Mr. Willett, who is a native of Littleport, made his annual presentations. The successful scholars were : Boys, Reginald William Scott (watch) ; Girls, Joyce Wilson (watch) ; Infants, Alan Lofts (Meccano Set) and June Pettitt (doll).

Rev. S. Oakley conducted a lantern lecture on China in High Street Methodist Church

27--Darts competition played at the "George & Dragon" Inn in aid of St. Dunstan's Institute for the Blind. The winner was Mr. N Wilson

29--An express train crashed into a lorry belonging to Messrs. Goddard & Peake and driven by Mr. Jack Padgett, of Camel Road, at a level crossing situated at Third Willow Row Drove. Mr. Padgett was seriously injured and the driver and fireman of the train were badly burned by naming petrol. The accident occurred in thick fog

British Legion jumble sale. The winners of the darts competition were : ladies, Mrs. S. Simpson ; gentlemen, Mr. R. Murfitt

30--Farewell services at the Salvation Army Hall to Capt, and Mrs. Wilson

NOVEMBER, 1938.

1--Members of Littleport Women's Institute were present at the Autumn group meeting held at Pymoor

2--Young People's Rally held in the Constitutional Hall. The speaker was the Rev. J. E. H. Liebenrood, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church. Bromley

3--Messrs. W. Gilbert, J. J. Porter, Jack Wilson and F. King, all of Littleport, won prizes in connection with the regional beet competition organised by the Ely Beet Sugar Factory

4--Major and Mrs. Puddicombe, the new Salvation Army officers, took up their duties in Littleport

5--Tragic death of Mr. Isaac Crane Taylor, of Wood Fen Farm, Littleport. He was accidentally shot while out hunting.

Poppy day collections exceeded last years' record total

6--United Armistice service of remembrance held in the Parish Church The British Legion Band and over 60 ex-Service men took part in a special Armistice service held in St. Matthew's Church

!!! Dedication of an electric blower for the organ at the evening service held in St. John's Methodist Church. It was the gift of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gotobed, of Stanley House

9--Special meeting in connection with Addenbrooke's Hospital held in the Constitutional Hall. It was revealed that Littleport was the greatest contributing area

10--Lantern lecture given in St. John's Methodist schoolroom on "The Charm of Cambridge"

11--Armistice Day-Solemn observance of the Two Minutes' Silence in Littleport

14--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Mrs. J. Laws gave a demonstration on how to make oatmeal biscuits

Presentation made to Mr. B. Lofts by members of the Constitutional Club to mark the occasion of his forthcoming marriage

15--Marriage, at Hilgay, of Miss J. M. Lewis, of Modney Bridge, and Mr. Bertram A. Lofts, of Littleport

15--Dinner held at the Cafe Marguerite in connection with the Littleport "Friend-in-Need" Lodge of the L.O.A.S.

First annual meeting of the Littleport centre of the St. John Ambulance Brigade revealed a balance in hand of £40/10/10

16--Fish supper held in St. John's Methodist schoolroom in aid of the Dairy Houses renovation fund

Annual Meeting of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. The meeting stood in silence for a moment in memory of the late Mr. J. S. Fendick

!!! Meeting of Parish Council. It was decided that four corner street lamps should be kept alight until midnight

19--Special meeting of the two lodges of the R.A.O.B. held at the "Plough & Harrow" to make presentations to Bro. D. Chambers for his services to both lodges as minstrel

23--Annual dinner of the Cutlack Lodge of the R.A.O.B.

24--Rev. S. Oakley gave a lantern lecture in the schoolroom at High Street Methodist Church on "How London's underground railways are made"

!!! 25--Mrs. Wilson, of the "George & Dragon," and Mr. Jordan, of the Crescent, gathered good crops of late raspberries.

29--Social and entertainment held at the Cafe Marguerite to welcome Mr. E. M. Keatinge (National Conservative Candidate for the Isle) and Mrs. Keatinge

30--Marriage, at Welney Church, of Mr. W. R. Clift, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clift, of Dairy Houses, and Miss M. Scott, of Suspension Bridge

DECEMBER, 1938.

1--It was revealed that the Rev. J. K. C. Payne, Vicar of Gorefield, had been appointed Vicar of the Parish of Littleport, in succession to the Rev. N. W. Shelton

Death, at her home in Wellington Street, of Miss Caroline Eliza Cheeseright, at the age of 80 years. She was a member of one of the oldest Littleport families

3--The East Anglian Brass Band Association held their annual quartet contest in the Constitutional Hall. Two quartets comprised of Littleport boys gained first and second prizes in the boys' section. The boys were trained by Mr. J. Hawkes

Marriage, at Welney Church, of Mr. H. Watson, of Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, and Miss Olive Martin, daughter of Mr. J. H. Martin and the late Mrs. Martin, of The Crescent, Littleport

5--Half-yearly meeting of the Hereward Lodge of Odd Fellows. Bro. A. Willett was presented with a jewel for obtaining the highest number of members in the Wisbech district during 1937

7--Christmas bazaar and concert held in the Constitutional Hall in aid of the funds of Victoria Street Methodist Church. The bazaar was opened by Mrs. James A. de Rothschild

Straw stack and implements destroyed by fire at Mr. Hilton Luddington's White Hall Farm, Lynn Road
