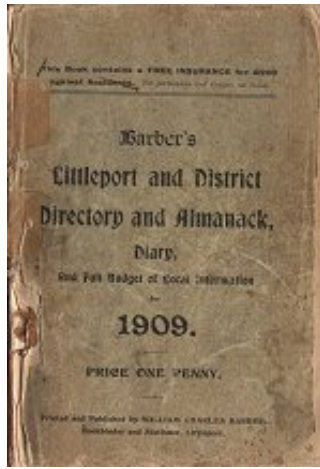


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Items of Interest during the Year 1907-08

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DECEMBER, 1907.

- 1--Tenth Anniversary of the Vicar's Bible Class kept.
- 6--Meeting of Young Peoples' Legion at Salvation Army Barracks.
- 9--Mr. Michael Kerridge appointed Rural District Councillor for Littleport.
- 11--Juvenile Missionary Meeting at Wesleyan Chapel.
- 11--Lieut-Colonel Otway visits Salvation Army, Littleport.
- 12--Sale of land at Wilburton by Mr. H. G. Martin.
- 15--Organ Recital at Parish Church by Mr. Stocks, F.R.C.O.
- 18--Sale of Mr. Joseph Butcher's Farming Stock and Furniture by Mr. H. G. Martin.
- 19--Lighting Rate made at 7d. in the £. Poor Rate made at 1s. 8d. in the £.
- 31--Watch-Night Services at Parish Church and Wesleyan Chapel.

JANUARY, 1908.

- 1--Old Folks' Tea at Wesleyan Chapel, provided and carried out by members of the Salvation Army and the Wesleyan Chapel.
- 1--Local Branch of Church of England Men's Society formed.
- 7--Sale of Freehold Arable Land, belonging to Mr. George Sallis, in Wood Fen, by Mr. Heber G. Martin.
- 9--Evening Party in connection with Alexandra Institute held at Constitutional Hall.
- 10--Rate for Special Expenses, made of 2d. in the £.
- 13--Littleport Pig Club dissolved.

15--Littleport Quadrille Party hold Invitation Dance.

20--Entertainment at Black Horse Drove Wesleyan Chapel.

20--Lecture at Littleport Wesleyan Chapel by Mr. Bush, of Lynn, on " Methodism."

21--Annual Tea at Constitutional Hall, in commemoration of Opening of Highfield Mission Room.

23--Destructive Fire on the premises occupied by Mr. J. Sims Willson, at the corner of Granby Street and Wellington Street,

FEBRUARY. 1908

!!! 1--Smoking Concert in connection with C.E.M.S. at Public Hall.

3--Annual Meeting of Littleport Working Men's Club and Institute. Accounts showed a balance in hand of £15 7s. 2d.

3--P.C. Challis appointed to Little Downham.

5--Annual Entertainment and Winter Treat of Primitive Methodist Sunday School at Public Hall. A great success.

5--Cantata, " Star of Light," at Parish Church.

8--Littleport Football Team visited Downham and were defeated by 6 goals to 1.

10--Annual Meeting of Constitutional Club. Balance sheet showed a flourishing condition of the club.

11--Meeting of Co-operative Small Holdings Association. Lecturer, Mr. H. Beaumont.

17.--Balance Sheet of " Hereward " Lodge of Oddfellows issued. Increase of funds during 1907, over £94. Increase in membership, 25.

27--Statement of accounts of "Friend in Need" (Shepherds) Lodge issued. Amount saved in 1907, over £142.

28--Games contest between Ely Conservative and Littleport Constitutional Club at Littleport. Result, Littleport won two events out of three.

29--Football-Ely Wanderers v. Littleport. Littleport won by 4 goals to nil.

29--C.E.M.S. Concert at Public Hall. Last of Season.

MARCH. 1908

- 2--Town Infant School closed on account of measles and whooping cough.
- 3--Silver Cup, presented for billiard handicap to Littleport Constitutional Club by Mr. Morgan (prospective Unionist candidate for division).
- 3--Statement of accounts of Court "Unity and Love," A.O, Foresters The Lodge is nourishing and has a membership of over 400.
- 11--Lecture at Primitive Methodist Chapel on "Peter Mackenzie," Rev. F. G. Brown, of Sudbury.
- 14--Football-Ely Wanderers v Littleport, at Ely. Ely won by 2 goals to 1.
- 16--Town Boys' and Town Girls' Schools closed on account of measles.
- 16--Presentation of prizes to Salvation Army Sunday School children.
- 18--Christian Endeavour Social at Primitive Methodist Chapel.
- 18--Annual Home Mission Meeting at Wesleyan Chapel.
- 21--Football-Littleport v. Downham, at Littleport. Home team won by 6 goals to 3.
- 24--Finals in billiard handicap at Constitutional Hall. The cup was won by H. A. Crabb.
- 28--Football-Littleport V. Ely Wanderers-Ely won by 6 goals to 4,

APRIL. 1908

- 2--Social in connection with Wesleyan Sunday School and Guild.
- 4--Football-return match, Littleport vs. Ely Wanderers, Ely again won.
- 5--Last meeting of C.E.M.S. for the Season.
- 7--Oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers" by members of Wesleyan P.S.A.
- 13--Schools re-opened.
- !!! 14--Water Supply question discussed by Parish Council.
- 14--Concert at Little Ouse Primitive Methodist Chapel by members of Salvation Army from Littleport.
- 15--Mr. H. G. Martin's Repository Sale.
- 15--Football match between School teams-Ely v Littleport. Result • Ely 3 goals; Littleport 1.

17--Rendering of " Crucifixion " at Parish Church in the evening.

20--Snow Storm, very cold weather. Football Match between Littleport and Downham Albions. Littleport won by 7 goals to nil.

23--Dance at the Constitutional Hall : Littleport Quadrille Party.

24--Heavy Snow Storm.

28--Messrs. F. A. Davies and M. Kerridge appointed overseers.

29--£14 collected in Lenten Boxes for Church of England Society for Waifs and Strays.

MAY. 1908

3--Last meeting of the Wesleyan P.S.A.

6--Accident to Mrs. Joseph Kemp, of Ely Road.

11--Sale of Trollies, etc., belonging to the late Mrs. M. Feetham.

12--Fire at Letter F Farm, near Mildenhall Road.

17--Foresters' Church Parade. £12 2s. 1d. sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

17--Confirmation by the Bishop of Ely at Littleport Parish Church. Number of Candidates, 64.

18--Foresters' Annual Dinner and Entertainment.

!!! 25--Empire Day-National Anthem sung at the Schools and from the Church Tower.

28--Ascension day-Children's Service and games in Vicarage garden.

31--Anniversary Services at Wesleyan Chapel.

JUNE. 1908

3--Petition from local Friendly Societies presented to House of Commons against Old Age Pensions Scheme.

8--Annual Tea of Bible Reading Union at Vicarage Garden.

14--Anniversary Services at Dairy Houses Wesleyan Chapel.

14--Littleport Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary.

16--Visit of Pastor Archibald Brown to Littleport.

17--Concert at Public Hall by Members of Bible Reading Union.

23--Jubilee (50 years) of Mr. Ben. Arber celebrated as a bellringer at Littleport.

24--Sacred Cantata, "Christ our Redeemer" at Parish. Church.

29--Littleport Brass Band re-started. Mr. W. H. Setchneld appointed bandmaster.

JULY. 1908

!!! 1--"The Man with the Iron Mask," who is travelling round the world for a supposed wager of 100,000 dollars, passed through Littleport (see December).

1--Death of W. A. Clack, aged 16, who was drowned whilst bathing in the Ouse.

5--Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary at Public Hall.

7--Water divining at Littleport by Mr. Tomkins, a professional.

11--Wesleyan Sunday School Treat.

12--Flower Service at Parish Church.

14--St. Matthew's and Dairy Houses Schools trip to Hunstanton.

25--Littleport Feast commences.

26--Oddfellows' Hospital Parade.

27--Annual Water Sports of the Littleport Swimming Club. Excellent programme. Fine weather.

28--Annual Show of the Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. The most successful the Society has ever held.

AUGUST. 1908

1--Annual Festival of Rural Deanery Branch of G.F.S. held at Little-port. About 200 were present.

3--Prickwillow Flower Show.

3--Ely Sports.

4--Master Wilfred. Cross, aged 11, gained a four years Scholarship at March Grammar School. He is a son of Mr. J. Cross, baker, and a pupil of Mr. J. S. Fendick.

12--Funeral of Miss Helena Appleby.

16--Rev. W. R. L. Canney, Wesleyan Minister, preached his farewell Sermon.

17--Annual Meeting of Football Club.

24--Serious Motor Cycle accident to Mr. Durham, of Black Horse Drove.

29--Marriage of the Rev. R. J. A. Jary, Curate of Littleport, to Miss Ingram, of Stoke Newington.

!!! 31--No death was recorded in Littleport during the month of August.

SEPTEMBER 1908

6--The Rev. E Draper Butters, newly appointed Wesleyan Minister preached his introductory sermon.

11--Sale of Land in Mow Fen by Mr H G Martin. Splendid prices were realised.

12--Accident to Mr. Clark Nightall

20--Harvest Festival at Wesleyan Chapel.

23--Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church and on Sunday 27th.

26--Harvest Thanksgiving Services at salvation Army.

OCTOBER. 1908

4--Harvest Festival at Primitive Methodist Chapel.

5--Lecture by Rev. S. Levermore in Constitutional Hall

7--Mr J L Luddington resigned the secretaryship of the Boarding-out Committee of Ely Union, a post he had held for 18 years.

10--Football-Littleport v. Mildenhall-draw.

!!! 17--Smoking Concert of C.E.M.S. First of season.

20--Centenary Services at Primitive Methodist Chapel.

!!! No deaths occurred in Littleport during October.

NOVEMBER. 1908

1--First meeting for Season of P.S.A.

4--Lecture on Territorial Scheme by Captain Archer in Public Hall

21--Last C.E.M.S. Concert of the Season.

22--Vicarage Bible Class 11th Anniversary.

25--Church Sunday Schools Annual Entertainment at Constitutional Hall.

DECEMBER. 1908

1--Constitutional Club Dinner at Littleport.

6--Ladies' P.S.A. at Wesleyan Chapel.

15--11th Annual Dinner at Constitutional Hall of " Strict Englishman Benefit Club.
Share out for the year-13s. 11d. per member.

“The man in the Iron Mask” is an astounding Fraud. He is an ex-convict, and has made a full confession in “Answers”, dated December 19th, 1908. Copies of which can be obtained at Barber’s Stationer, the printer and publisher of the Littleport Directory
