

Almanac

Year

1913

Items of Interest during the Year 1911-12

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1913).

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

Every care is taken to make the following list correct
but no item or date is guaranteed by the publisher.

DECEMBER, 1911.

26--Quarterly Business Meeting at Wesleyan Chapel. Messrs. W Gotobed and A. Lemon appointed circuit stewards

Ploughing Match near "Rose and Crown." Winners-1 R Benstead 2 G. Ward, 3 G. Francis, 4 W. Cross, 5 W. Marriott 6 divided

30--Church Sunday School Infants' Christmas Tree

31--Waifs and Strays Sunday at Parish Church

During past Quarter 49 births and 19 deaths were registered in Littleport sub-district, which has a population of 6,434

JANUARY, 1912.

1--Death of Mr. Fyfe of the Chaff Factory

Annual Old Folks' Tea at Salvation Army Citadel

Mr. Bert Lee took his B.A. at Cambridge Miss Eva C. Barber passed in Senior Division in Theoretical Music at Cambridge, in connection with London College of Music

2--Death of Mr. Cyril Cutlack, at Worthing

!!! 5--The Old Mill, near the Railway Station, sold by auction to Mr, Ivatt Sallis for £12 10s.

7--Annual Covenant Service at Wesleyan Church. About 50 took part. Ladies'

Sunday at P.S.A.

8--Meeting at "Turk's Head" to inaugurate new Share-out Club. About 40 members joined

9--Invitation Dance at Public Hall in connection with Mrs. Sims Willson's Class

!!! 12--Meeting to discuss proposed new Wesleyan Chapel in Mildenhall Road

13--Inquest on James Walter Strafford, who died suddenly

15--Vicar's and Mrs. Rogers' New Year's Party at Constitutional Hall

19--Isle of Ely Coursing Club Meeting at Mr. T. J. Mott's farm

21--Visit of Col. Yates, R.A., to Littleport

!!! 25--Cottages in Station Road, occupied by Mr. Coleman Laws and Mr. Garner, completely gutted by fire

The Old Mill near Station, was pulled down just as the fire burning. Photographs of the Old Mill, half-an-hour before pulling down, can be had of Barber, Stationer

28--Mission commenced at Primitive Methodist Chapel by Messrs. Crask and West, Sheringham fishermen

29--Skating commenced on the Moors and on the Old River 30-Balance Sheet of "Hereward" Lodge of Oddfellows issued, shewing £152 13s. 6d. increase in funds during year

FEBRUARY, 1912.

!!! 3--Professional Skating Race on the Moors for the Littleport Challenge Cup. Winner, W. Brett, Wisbech. Time 4 mins 53 and three fifths secs, Distance, 1 1/2 miles

5--Social Entertainment at Constitutional Hall of Women's Unionist Association

Local Skating Races on Mr. Towler's field

6--Rapid thaw set in

Anniversary of Opening of Highfield Mission Room

!!! 7--Three balloons passed over Littleport in the direction of Wisbech

13--Annual Meeting of Littleport Constitutional Club

14--Annual Meeting of Littleport Working Men's Club and Institute

St. Valentine Whist Drive and Dance at Constitutional Hall

19--Smoking Concert at Constitutional Hall in connection with Constitutional Club

20--Concert in Wesleyan Chapel by Members from Suspension Bridge

21--Minstrel Concert at Constitutional Hall by the "Wifhem Wofhums"

27--Balance Sheet of Juvenile Foresters issued. Lodge flourishing

28--Return Friendly Match between Constitutional Club and Working Men's Club.
The former won by 3 games

29--Annual Meeting of "Glebe" Tennis Club

MARCH, 1912.

1--Annual Meeting of Black Horse Drove Cricket Club

2--Football: Harriers (nil) v. Little Downham (1)

3--Record attendance and collections at Services at Wesleyan Church

4--Severe gale at Littleport

6--Primitive Methodist Children's Entertainment at Public Hall

7--Annual Meeting of Quoit Club

12--Two Littleport young men (Harry Padget and Albert Haines) sailed for Canada

Annual Statement of Court "Unity and Love" A.O.F. issued. The Lodge contains 500 members

Annual Meeting of V.B.C. Cricket Club

13--Bonus awarded to Mr. E. M. Cheeseright by the Treasury Office for satisfactory work in connection with Census Returns

18--Meeting of Parish Council to purchase new water cart

20--Flying Billiard. Handicap and Whist Drive at Constitutional Club

22--No death occurred in Littleport during past month

23--Meeting at Black Horse Drove in connection with Insurance Act

30--21 deaths in Littleport sub-district during past quarter: eight of these averaged 79 years

31--Primitive Methodist Mission Van visits Littleport

APRIL, 1912.

1--Annual Assembly of Parish Council

5--Good Friday. Tea, followed by Service of Song, at Primitive Methodist Chapel

7--Last meeting of the season of Wesleyan P.S.A.

8--Concert, in aid of Football Club, at Constitutional Hall

10--Annual Waifs and Strays Service at Parish Church: amount collected, £25

10--Tea and Meeting at Public Hall to inaugurate Female Branch; of Court "Unity and Love" A.O.F.

18--Mr. H. G. Martin appointed by Royal Agricultural Society as a judge in corn and seed drill competition at Rotherham

20--Special Sermons preached at Littleport with reference to the Titanic disaster

22--The gross receipts from Wesleyan Bazaar amounted to £63

23--Mr. D. Lowe, custodian of Littleport W.M. Club, appointed to similar post at Ely Liberal Club

27--Open-air Concert by Salvation Army Band in aid of Titanic Fund 28--
Celebration of Primitive Methodist Y.P.S.C.A.

Presentation to Miss Maggie Taylor at S. Crispin's

30--End of most successful season ever played by Littleport Football Club Mr. F.

Heath distinguished himself by obtaining 41 out of 83 goals for the club

MAY, 1912.

3--Mr. A. J. Prior appointed custodian at Littleport Working Men's Club

12--Confirmation at Littleport Parish Church by Bishop of Ely

13--Meeting of representatives of Amalgamated Friendly Societies to arrange for Hospital Sunday

14--Visit of Madame Strathearn to Wesleyan Church

15--Littleport Quoit Club started play for the season

20--Major Archer (Ely) gave Lantern Lecture at Vicarage Room, on the Church in Wales

24--Annual Meeting at Public Hall of Working Men's Free Trade League

26--Anniversary of Opening of Wesleyan Chapel

30--Meeting of Littleport Swimming Club Committee

JUNE, 1912.

!!! 4--First meeting of members of Swimming Club ever held. Meeting place changed to Town Hall

9--Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary held at Public Hall

!!! 12--The Grange, Littleport, offered as a gift to the county for a sanatorium by Mr. Wm. Cutlack. This mansion is estimated to have cost £20,000

12--Death of Miss S. Rogers from typhoid fever

17--Rev. R. J. A. Jary, M.A., offered and accepted the incumbency of Manea Messrs. A. Cox and Leonard Butcher gained honours in Christian Evidence Examination. Mr. Cox obtained special prize, being top of the list. Mr. C. H. Claridge gained first class certificate.

!!! 22--Two racing balloons passed over Littleport.

24--Swimming Club arranged for Annual Sports

25--The Downham, Haddenham and Ely branches of C.E.M.S. visit Littleport

JULY, 1912.

1--National Health Insurance Cards issued by Friendly Societies

Twelve deaths in Littleport Sub-district during past quarter, six were of persons averaging 81 years

9--Quoits--City of Ely v. Littleport. The latter won by 98 to 87

10--Circuit Gathering at Primitive Methodist Chapel

!!! 12--Sale by auction of the Key Estate and other properties by Mr. Heber G. Martin. The estate is situate in the parishes of Little Downham and Littleport. The total sum realised was over £35,000, some of the fen land fetching as much as £70 per acre.

14--Church Sunday School Festival

19--The Rev. T. G. Rogers announced to succeed Mr. Jary as curate of Littleport

21--C.E.M.S. open air meeting

Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary at Public Hall, which was crowded to overflowing

23--Mr. Robt. Day resigned his post as teacher in the Boys' School to enter Training College at Winchester

Miss B. A. Barber, of the Infants' School, also resigned to enter the Salisbury Training College

6--Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society's Annual Show. The weather kept fine

!!! 7--Swimming Club Sports on river. A novel item was the Ladies Race

Annual Camp Meeting of Primitive Methodists

Annual Parade and Services of Amalgamated Friendly Societies. Collections

amounted to £25 1s.

Miss Irene Cutlack married to Mr. Geo. Hutton, of Newcastle-on-Tyne

AUGUST, 1912.

1--Marriage of Miss Kate Bangley to Mr. T. J. Simey, a retired South African and London merchant

2--Town Boys' and Girls' School close for five weeks holiday; Infants' School, six weeks

5--Visit of Littleport and Downham branches of C.E.M.S. to Wallington Hall, the Stow residence of J. L. Luddington, Esq.

6--The death rate for Littleport district for past year was 8 per thousand persons living

10--Furniture Sale at Constitutional Hall by Mr. H. G. Martin

20--Annual Meeting of Littleport Football Club

24--Seven days' "siege" commenced by Salvation Army officers

25--Special sermon by Vicar on the life and work of General Booth

!!! 26--A record day for rain. 350 tons to the acre fell in Littleport and district. The rain fell continuously for 12 hours. The fire engine was employed to pump water out of Main Street

28--Presentation of carved oak inkstand to Mrs. Rogers by members of Mothers' Union

SEPTEMBER, 1912.

2--Football Club's removal from licensed house as place of meeting

6--Fire at house occupied by Mr. Judd, Factory Lane. Furniture burnt

Meeting of Littleport Footballers-Amalgamation of Clubs

15--Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches

!!! 16--Three aeroplanes passed over Littleport for the first time in history, in

connection with army manoeuvres

18--Purse of gold (£30) presented to Rev. R. J. A. Jary, M.A., by parishioners of Littleport, on his departure to the living at Manea

25--Harvest Festival Service at Parish Church

29--Institution by the Bishop of Ely of the Rev. R. J. A. Jary, M.A., as Vicar of Manea. The Rev. F. E. Rogers and the Rev. E. J. Miller assisted in the service

29--Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church

30--Death-rate per 1000 in Littleport Sub-District, 6.21 ; birth-rate, 22.38

OCTOBER, 1912.

1--Repository Sale by Mr. H. G. Martin Change of Officers at Salvation Army Meeting of Parish Council to consider question of relief to Smallholders who suffered during recent floods

7--Meeting of Football Club at Town Hall

15--Annual Meeting Littleport Branch C.E.M.S.

20--Pike measuring 2 1/2 feet and weighing 8 lbs. caught by Mr. J. S. Willson

27--Presentation to Mr. Cutlack by senior members of the Parish Church Choir, of which he was once choirmaster. Mr. Cutlack's family had been associated with this Church for over a century

29--Raspberries growing in the garden of Mr. A. M.. Cheeseright, Granby Street

30--Smoking Concert at Constitutional Hall. Mr. Max Townley gave an address Mr. Wm. Cutlack left Littleport to reside at Cambridge.

Serious accident to Mr. Geo. Thompson, of the Hempfield, by falling off a cart

31--Of 5 persons who died in Littleport during October 4 were named Crabb

NOVEMBER, 1912.

10--V.B.C. 15th Anniversary. An address was given by the Bishop of Ely

12--A rick belonging to Mr. T. Taylor was burnt at Ten Mile Bank

17--Annual Missionary Meeting at Primitive Methodist Chapel

18--The new Ten Mile Engine was officially started on this date

21--16th Anniversary Tea and Concert at S. Crispin's Mission

27--Social Gathering at Boys' School in aid of "Glebe" Tennis Club

29--Quoit Club Supper at Granby Hotel

DECEMBER, 1912.

2--Meeting of Town Lands Charity to consider allowance of coals and grocery to the poor

Lecture at Vicarage Boom, by Rev A. J. C, Allen, of Cambridge, on "Ely Cathedral"

3--Concert in Constitutional Hall by Ely Dandies in aid of Littleport Football Club

6--First class certificates awarded in connection with Primitive Methodist Sunday School Union Examination.--Upper Middle : Wilfrid Cross, Hubert Theobald. Lower Middle : Annie Brown, Olive Gotobed, Doris Cross. Junior Section : Cissie Theobald, Nellie Brown, Reginald Thornhill

6--Meeting at Highfield Mission Boom in connection with China Inland Mission

9--Mr. H. Harlock won cup and first prize on full-size table, and Mr. D King won first prize on small table at Constitutional Club Billiard Handicap

15--Visit of Rev T. Milligan, of Wolverhampton

16--Strict Englishman ("Turks Head") Slate Club Annual Supper. Dividend 13s. 4d. per member

18--Strict Englishman ("Globe Inn") Sick Benefit Slate Club Annual Dinner. Share out 8s. per member

19--Billiard handicap, Working Men's Club. C. W. Brislin, F. Gotobed, and J. Willson to play off for cup on small table. C. W. Brislin and W. C. Barber to play off for cup on full-size table. Mr. Brislin is holder of both cups
