

# Almanac      Items of Interest during the Year 1912-13

Year  
1914

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1914).  
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.  
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## DECEMBER, 1912.

19--Issue of Coal and Grocery Tickets by Town Lands Charity to parents with five children under the age of 13

Salvation Army Band serenades the town with Xmas music

21--Annual Tea and Christmas Tree given by Mr. and Mrs. Tansley Luddington to wives and children of their employees

23--Meeting of Football Club at Town Hall

24--Accident to Mr. Wm. Coates, wheelwright, &c., who fractured his skull by being thrown from a trap in Ely

25--Haystack burnt belonging to Mr. M. Kerridge, Ely Road

Mr. C. W. H. Brislin wins Challenge Cups for both small and large tables in Billiard Handicap at Working Men's Club

26--Ploughing Match at Dairy Houses. Winners-J. Goodge, W. Elmore, W. Bell, A. Benstead, A. Oakes, and W. Tabbott

!!! 27--Football Match at Highfield-"Millers v. Sweeps"

30--Annual Supper and Share-out of Suspension Bridge Benefit Slate Club

31--Watch Night Service at Parish Church

Dance at Public Hall in connection with Mrs. J. S. Willson's Class

## JANUARY, 1913.

1--Football Match at Highfield. Littleport v. Downham Mkt. Result-draw

!!! 2--Principal shops decide to close at 7 o'clock during January & February

3--Death of Mr. James (better known as "Jimmy") Wiffen, who for many years drove to and from the station with his "donkey cart express"

4--During quarter ending December 31st there were 34 births (15 boys and 19 girls) in Littleport District. There were also 23 deaths, and of the latter 14 were of persons 65 years of age and upwards, with a total of 1074, years, or an average of 76 1/2 years for each person

4--Annual Supper and Share-out of "Plough Inn" Slate Club. Dividend - 13s. 6d. per member

6--Eleven new members joined Constitutional Club

7--Mr. M. Bowers lands pike at Littleport weighing 16 1/2 lbs.

11--Annual Meeting of "Plough" Hand-in-hand Slate Club

13--Meeting of Parish Council-Mr. J. Drake appointed as member of Fire Brigade

Mr. E. A. Collins, Organist of Littleport Parish Church, took his degree as Fellow of the Royal College of Organists

14--Successful Social Evening at Boys' School in connection with Glebe Tennis Club

15--Mr. Walter Gotobed leaves Littleport for Melbourne, Australia

16--Friendly Games Contest between Littleport Working Men's Club and the Constitutional Club. The latter won by 12 points to 5

Annual Social of Girls' Club at Alexandra Hall

21--Vicar's New Year Party at Constitutional Hall

22--Returns issued by Wisbech District of Oddfellows showed that the "Hereward" Lodge, Littleport, stands very high on the list of

21 Lodges comprising the District

28--Visit of Dr. Len G. Broughton to Littleport

30--Games Contest between Littleport Working Men's Institute and Constitutional Club. The latter won by 8 points to 6.

31--Stock-in-trade of Mr. H. J. Rolls, upholsterer, sold under a deed of assignment

## **FEBRUARY, 1913.**

1--Fleet Sutton Charity distributed at Town Hall

3--Social Gathering at Town Boy's School of Church Workers, Invited by C.E.M.S.

Dance at Public Hall in connection with Mrs. J. Sims Willson's Class

4--Flying Billiard Handicap at Constitutional Club. Winner-Mr. P, Register

5--Special Ash Wednesday Services at Parish Church Annual Prizegiving in connection with St. Crispin's Mission Room Sunday School

6--Whist Drive at Constitutional Hall amongst members of Club

10--Oil store burnt out at G.E.Ry. Station

17--C.E.M.S. Devotional Address by Rev. A. C. Hair, of Ely

20--Flying Billiard Handicap at Working Men's Institute. Winners-Large table, Dr. Hendley ; small table, Mr. D. R. Spencely

**!!!** 21--Town Girls' and Infants' Schools closed in consequence of measles and mumps epidemic

Mr. S. H. Allen licensed by Bishop of Ely as lay reader in connection with S. George's Church

23--A sheep belonging to the late Mr. J. Martin has four lambs-all alive and well

25--Private Whist Drive at Constitutional Hall

## **MARCH, 1913.**

2--Mr. Geo. Furness, late of Littleport, married at Winnipeg, Canada, to Miss Elsie Warner, formerly of Dorking

Death of Dr. Poignand, aged 63, late of Littleport

3--Ex-Chaplain Bristow gave an address in connection with V.B.C.

Annual General Meeting of Constitutional Club. Accounts showed balance in hand of £18 7s. 8d.

4--Death of Mr. Stephen Rowell, one of the founders of the "Friend in Need" Lodge, L.O.A. Shepherds

7--P.O. Dobson transferred to Liverpool City Police. P.O. Payne appointed in his place

10--Meeting of Constitutional Club to arrange for new billiard room

11--Annual Statement of Hereward Lodge (Oddfellows) issued. This Lodge is in a thriving condition

Accounts for "Friend in Need" Lodge, L.O.A. Shepherds, show the Lodge to be in a sound financial state

12--Meeting at Cambridge Bankruptcy Court re S. R. Sutton, late of Littleport, now in Australia

835 acres of land applied for by 44 men in connection with Small Holdings' Act

15--Fire at Mr. Phoenix's Farm, Burnt Fen. The Littleport Fire Engine and Mildenhall Manual were in attendance, and saved the adjoining property

17--Meeting of Parish Council to arrange for ensuing elections. 22 candidates for 16 seats. Poll demanded and declared for April 7th

25--Social Evening at Town Boys' School in connection with Glebe Tennis Club

## **APRIL, 1913.**

!!! 2--Post Office closed every Wednesday from this day from 1 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. See Postal Arrangements on another page

3--Annual Meeting of Cricket Club. Donation of £4 4s. 3d. given by Mr. H. J. Martin to clear the Club from debt

5--Friendly football Match at Highfield - A. Cox's XI. v. E. Canham's XI. The former

won by 7 to 3

7--Parish Council and Rural District Council Elections.-New member for Parish Council, Mr. Jabez Cross ; for District Council, Mr. T. Peake.

Lecture by Major Robertson (Salvation Army) on "The Under-world of London"

Meeting of Football Club to arrange Whitsuntide Sports

8--Commencement of Billiard Handicap at Working Men's Institute

10--Mrs. Sarah Jefferson, formerly of Littleport, died in New York

14--Annual Meeting of Quoit Club

27--Confirmation by Bishop of Ely at the Parish Church. There were 36 Candidates

### **MAY, 1913.**

1--Billiard Handicap finished at Working Men's Institute. Winners-- Full-size Table, Dr. Hendley. Small Table, J. W. Peake

3--Death of Mr. Joseph Martin at Highfield. For special memoir see other pages

4--Anniversary Services at Wesleyan Church

Special Sermon at Parish Church relating to Mr. Martin's death

6--Messrs. W. Ward and A. Spinks appointed supervisors of Littleport Branch of Ely Co-operative Society

7--Annual General Meeting of Swimming Club, at Town Hall

12--(Bank Holiday). Football Sports at Highfield. Six-a-side Contests. Winners--Ely City ; Runners-up, March G.E.R.

13--Appeal Case in King's Bench Divisional Court by Dingley Brothers, Coventry, against S. B. Sutton with John I. Sallis as claimant. Verdict in favour of latter

20--Meeting of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society to arrange forthcoming Show and Gala

21--Cricket-Seniors v. Juniors. The former won by 11 runs

23--Distribution of medals, &c., to scholars of Town Council Schools by Miss Emery, of Ely

27--Meeting at Constitutional Club to arrange for new Billiard Room and Table

## **JUNE, 1913.**

1--Rev. C. L. Mortimer, of St. George's, Prince Albert, Western Canada, preached at Parish Church

!!! 2--Meeting of Parish Council. Question of Swimming Baths discussed

3--Wedding Festivities (Lester-Taylor) at Public Hall; and (Stevens-Benton) at Constitutional Hall

4--Quoit Club commenced practice

7--Cricket-Littleport v. Black Horse Drove. The former won by 13 runs

8-9--Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary

10--Meeting of Horticultural Society. Yeomanry engaged for Show. No cheap tickets to be issued for this year

Bazaar and Garden Fete at Wallington Hall in aid of S. James' Church, Holme-next-Runton. The amount realised was £90

13--Accident to Mr. A. Rodwell who, whilst riding a bicycle, collided with a horse and trap, and sustained severe injuries

14--Cricket-Southery v. Littleport. The latter won by 28 runs

!!! 16---Balloon passed over town journeying towards Lynn

Monster Sturgeon caught in Welney Wash by Mr. James Smart (ex-champion skater). The fish weighed 430 lbs.

17--Severe thunderstorm at Littleport

19--Unknown man found drowned in river, near Lynn Road

20--Tennis Club Tea and Tournament, organised by Mr. and Mrs. C. Goddard, in connection with Glebe Club

24--Messrs' Drake and Lofts' tender accepted for the building of new Billiard Room at Constitutional Hall

25--Meeting of Swimming Club Committee to arrange for annual sports.

28--Mr. Lee (London) landed a carp from the Ouse weighing over 41bs. A piece of potato was used as bait.

!!! 28--Large tree in Mr. F. Kerridge's field, Ely Road, found to be on fire, and had to be cut down.

29--Salvation Army Juniors' Anniversary Services.

30--In Littleport District during past quarter there were 27 births (16 boys and 11 girls) and 23 deaths : 10 of the latter averaged 76 1/4 years each, or a total of 763 years.

## **JULY, 1913.**

4--Annual Summer Treat of the Highfield Mission held in the grounds of Highfield.

5--Summer Meeting and Tea of Women's Liberal Association.

6--Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary and Parade.

8--Quoits Handicap-second round. Mr. E. Cragg scored 21 points to Mr. W. Cragg's 18.

12--Tennis-Littleport Glebe Club v. Mildenhall. The former won by 15 to 2.

13--Annual Flower Service at Parish Church.

!!! 15--Mr. J. Cross, of Victoria Street, unearthed 61 potatoes on one root, the lot weighing nearly 9lbs.

19--Annual Bible Class Garden Party at the Vicarage. Over 200 were present.

20--First Open-air Meeting by C.E.M.S, at Crown Corner. Mr. Hyner, of Downham Market, gave an address.

21--£3 13s. 3d. was collected by Messrs. Hope Bros, employees for Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Cambridge Local Exam, (seniors). Successful local candidates, Wilfrid Cross (2nd class honours), and Hilda P. Barber. Percy England gains scholarship at Soham Grammar School.

22--Carp, 22in. long, weighing 51bs. 2oz., was caught by Mr. C. W. Cross, of Sherwood Cottages.

26--Annual Show of the Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. Very successful event. Weather fine. Mr. F. Hiam was the president for the year.

27--Annual Parade of Amalgamated Friendly Societies. Total amount collected for Hospitals, over £35.

**!!!** 23-- Swimming Sports 011 River near Sandhill Bridge. A collection amongst 3,000 people who viewed the sports amounted to only £2 6s. 3d. Splendid weather prevailed.

## **AUGUST, 1913.**

1--Sale of Cropping belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Wilson at "Crown" Inn

Fire at Mr. Howe's premises in Victoria Street

**!!!** 4--Bank Holiday. Nearly 600 persons booked from Littleport to Hunstanton, Ely, Cambridge, and Lynn.

5--Funeral of Sergt. A. G. Wright. The Isle of Ely Police Force was strongly represented.

11--Quoits-Second round of handicap for cup played.

14--Mr. W. Chapman, sen., underwent serious, but successful operation at Cambridge Hospital.

17--Mr. J. W. Peake landed a tench weighing nearly 41bs., also a number of bream weighing 21lbs.

19--Annual General Meeting of Football Club. Accounts showed successful season, and a balance in hand of over £12. A presentation was made to Mr. Heath (captain), who was leaving Littleport. Mr. Heath had scored 38 goals in matches during the season.

## **SEPTEMBER, 1913.**



6--Football-Practice match at Highfield.

Death of Mr. Wm. Ward, for many years School Attendance Officer at Littleport. Deceased formerly belonged to the 74th Highlanders, and lost a leg at Tel-el-Kebir.

7--Harvest Festival at Littleport Wesleyan Church.

!!! 11--Littleport Electric Cinema Co. (mainly composed of local tradesmen) established.

12--Sale of House and Property belonging to Mr. W. H. Rains in Victoria Street.

14--Harvest Festival Services at Salvation Army Citadel.

Death of Mr. Wm. Cragg.

15--Death of Mrs. Sarah Ann Canham, the oldest inhabitant of Littleport. Mrs. Canham was 97 years of age, and lived in Victoria Street.

21--Harvest Thanksgiving at Dairy Houses Wesleyan Chapel.

Harvest Festival at Littleport Primitive Methodist Chapel.

22--Meeting of Parish Council to consider later service of telephone.

Fixing of new Billiard Table at Constitutional Club.

30--Sale by Mr. H. G. Martin of the Live and Dead Farming Stock belonging to the late Mr. Joseph Martin. Excellent prices were realised.

During quarter in Littleport District there were 20 deaths and 47 births. 12 of the persons who died averaged nearly 77 years, with a total of 923.

## **OCTOBER, 1913.**

!!! 1--Opening of new Wesleyan Chapel in the Mildenhall Road, by Rev. F. Luke Wiseman, B.A. Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church.

4--Harvest Festival at Mildenhall Road new Wesleyan Chapel.

7--Dance at Public Hall in connection with Mrs. J. S. Willson's Class.

8--Concert at Constitutional Hall in aid of Isle of Ely Constabulary Widows and

Orphans Fund.

9--Liberal Meeting at Public Hall, addressed by Hon. Neil Primrose, M.P. Promotion of Councillor J. L. Luddington to Alderman of the Isle of Ely County Council.

!!! 11--Football-Littleport v. Little Downham. Result: Littleport 11, Downham 1. The latter team were only able to bring 8 of their own players.

14--Billiards-Two Flying Handicaps at W.M. Club. Winners: Messrs. C. Heygate and J. W. Peake.

15--Death of Mr. Geo. Barber at Cambridge Hospital.

21--Alexandra Hall-Annual Tea and Dance.

22--Dinner at "Crown" Inn, arranged by Mr. Walker and friends.

!!! 24--Collision at "Crown" Corner between Dr. Hendley's motor-car and motor bicycle with side car. No serious damage.

27--Parish Council Meeting-Application to Postmaster-General for later despatch of letters on Sundays.

28--Annual General Meeting of Littleport Choral Society at Town Boys School.

Billiards-Plying Handicap at Constitutional Club. Mr. 3. Drake was the winner.

29--Business Meeting of Christian Endeavour Society at Primitive Methodist Chapel.

County Council Election for vacancy in No. 2 District. The candidates were Mr. H. P. Peacock and Mr. Elliott M. Cheeseright. The former was elected.

## **NOVEMBER, 1913.**

2--Meeting of the Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union at Ponds Hill.

3--Whist Drive at Constitutional Club. Winner: Mr. P. Register.

5 & 6--Sale of Work at Salvation Army Citadel. Amount realised, about £20.

6--Conservative Club Dinner to celebrate the Opening of New Billiard Room

10--Police-Sergeant Cornwell appointed to fill vacancy caused by death of the late

Sergt. A. G. Wright.

11--Mrs. Wright (widow of the late Sergt. Wright) granted £147 from Police Pension Fund.

12--Lantern Lecture at Wesleyan Schoolroom in aid of Wesleyan Missions.

Social Gathering at Highfield Mission Room to welcome Pastor Sidney Rouse as the new resident minister.

!!! 13--The Littleport Electric Cinema Co. re-formed as a Limited Liability Company.

15--Football at Highfield. Soham v. Littleport. Result:- 2 goals each.

16--First P.S.A. Gathering at Wesleyan Chapel for the season.

17--Address by Mr. V. Vowles, at Constitutional Hall, on Tariff Reform. The Town Girls, Town Infants, and Ten Mile Bank Schools closed on account of diphtheria.

18--Dedication of memorial (brass tablet) at Parish Church in memory of the late Mr. Thos. Ellingham.

19--Social at Wesleyan Schoolroom in aid of Young Women's Fancy Work Class.

23--Meeting of National Agricultural Labourers' Union at Black Horse Drove.

26--Supper at Bank Farm, Suspension Bridge, given by Mr. F. Hiam to his employees.

27--Supper at Crown Inn, given by Mr. J. H. C. Allen to his tenants.

!!! From February, 1911, till September 30th, 1913, 59,660 rats were killed in Littleport. This cost the Rural Council £279 16s. 5d.

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