

Almanac Items of Interest during the Year 1913-14

Year
1915

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1915).
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
Every care is taken to make the following list correct
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NOVEMBER, 1913.

27--Anniversary Tea and Concert at S. Crispin's

DECEMBER, 1913.

8--Wind-up Meeting of "Helping Hand" Slate Club at Granby Hotel. Dividend-13s. 7d. per member

Marriage of Mr. J. W. Mitcham, at March

13--Football Match at Highfield. Littleport v. Southery. The former won

16--Mrs. J. Sims Willson's Cinderella Dance at Public Hall

Annual Supper and Share-out of Strict Englishman Sick and Benefit Club. Share-out 8s. per member

20--Football-Practice Match at Highfield

22--Presentation at Littleport Working Men's Club to Mr. Chas. Heygate who was leaving the town

23--Billiard Tournament commenced at Working Men's Club

!!! 27--Marriage of Miss S. Saul to Mr. H. G. Janes (of Chatham) at Littleport Primitive Methodist Chapel. This is the first wedding ever solemnized in this chapel

29--Inquest in New Beading Room, White House Drove, on the body of Mr. Alfred Cock, of Little Ouse, who was found drowned in a drain on Boxing Day

31--Annual S.S. Winter Tea at Primitive Methodist Chapel

During Quarter in Littleport District there were 36 births (19 boys, 17 girls) and 17 deaths (5 male and 12 female). Of the deaths, 7 persons reached the average age of over 77, with a total of 544 years. Total births for year, 153 (84 boys and 69 girls). Total deaths, 75 (39 males and 36 females)

JANUARY, 1914.

1--Old Folks' Dinner at Salvation Army Citadel

Constitutional Club Billiard Handicap. Winner-1st and Cup, P. Register; 2nd, Dr. Hendley

3--Annual Supper of Slate Club at "Plough" Inn

5--Social at Town Boys' School in connection with Football Club

12--Mrs. Willson's Children's Dance at Public Hall

!!! Parish Council discuss the sewerage question

14--Meeting of National Agricultural Labourers' Union at Public Hall

18--C.E.M.S. Members addressed by Bishop of Ely

19--Annual Tea Party and Meeting in connection with Highfield Mission Room. Dr. Len Broughton was present

22--Annual New Year's Party at Alexandra Hall

24--Pike weighing nearly 9 lbs. caught in Ouse by Mr. J. S. Willson

29--Bible Beading Union Concert at Public Hall

FEBRUARY, 1914.

3--Social in Town Boys' School in connection with Teachers' Tennis Club

4--Annual Meeting of Littleport Working Men's Institute

9--Annual Prizegiving at Dairy Houses Chapel

10--Annual Tea and Entertainment of Vicarage Bible Classes at Constitutional Hall

Fancy Dress Ball at Public Hall

16--Football Club Social at Constitutional Hall

20--Meeting in Public Hall of National Agricultural Labourers' Union

23--Lectures to Church Sunday School Teachers by Mr. Richardson and Miss Dent

25--Death of Mrs. Spencely, who had been in business in Littleport for over 50 years

27--Inquest at Public Hall on the body of Mr. Wm. Gillett who fell under wheels of heavy cart

28--Salvation Army Self-denial Week commenced

During past week there were six deaths in Littleport-an exceptionally heavy toll

MARCH, 1914.

3--Whist Drive at Constitutional Hall

5--Entertainment at Public Hall in aid of renovation of Primitive Methodist Chapel

7--Football-Littleport v. Manea. The latter won

Open-air Meeting of Labourers' Union

Mr. F. Gotobed moves to Diss

10--Meeting of Joseph Martin Memorial Committee

11--Messrs. Crisswell and Godfrey succeed to the business of Mr. C. H. Fitch
Conservative Meeting at Black Horse Drove addressed by Mr. Max Townley

12--Statement of Accounts of "Friend in Need" Lodge, A.O. Shepherds, issued. The Lodge has a capital of £3405 15s. 8d.

17--Whist Drive at Constitutional Club

18--Accident to Mr. S. Townsend by falling from a cart

19--Mr. and Mrs. P. Gotobed lose two children by death in the course of a week

20--Working Men's Club Billiard Handicap Final. Large table-winner, Dr. Hendley ;

Small table-The Rev. T. G. Rogers

23--Concert in aid of. Sutton New Wesleyan Chapel at Constitutional Hall

26--Meeting of Littleport Branch Women's National Liberal Association Billiard Plying Handicap at Working Men's Club

27--Mr. H. T. Luddington offers his farm to the County Council for Small Holdings

30--Meeting at Public Hall in connection with Small Holdings

31--There were 26 births (9 boys and 17 girls) in the Littleport District during the past quarter. There were also 33 deaths (18 males and 15 females). Of the deaths nine averaged nearly 78 years with a total of 700 years

APRIL, 1914.

6--Meeting of Football Club to arrange for Easter programme

10--Appointment of Sergt. Newell to succeed Sergt Cornwell (promoted to Inspector to Ely) at Police Station

Sunday School Entertainment at Black Horse Drove Wesleyan Chapel

12--Easter Sunday

13--Dance in Public Hall

15--Accident to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams by falling out of trap

17--Harry Jones and Morley Theobald (two Littleport young men) sailed for Australia

18--Large stack of hay and clover belonging to Messrs. H. J. and H. G. Martin near Hempfield was burnt

20--Whist Drive and Social in connection with Football Club in Constitutional Hall

26 & 27--Wesleyan Church Anniversary. Special Musical Services by Madame Strathearn

26--Special Farewell Meeting of Vicar's Bible Class to Albert Cox, appointed Lay Reader in north of London

28--Concert by Littleport Choral Society. The principal item in the programme was Stanford's "Revenge"

MAY, 1914.

3 & 4--Annual Services Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour at Primitive Methodist Church

5--Annual Meeting of Littleport Town Cricket Club

10--Confirmation at Parish Church by Bishop of Ely

11--Meeting of Parish Council to discuss extension of Lighting Area

12--Public Meeting in connection with Co-operative Society at Constitutional Hall

13--Mr. Tansley Luddington's offer of his farm for Small Holdings rejected by County Council

19--Annual Meeting of Littleport Swimming Club

21--Ascension Day. Holiday given to School Children

Meeting of National Agricultural Labourers' Union at Public Hall

22--Severe storm visited Littleport

25--Empire Day celebrated. Parade of school children

!!! 26--Public Meeting to extend Lighting Area

27--Cricket-Littleport v. Downham. Result, Littleport, 109 runs; Downham, 40

29--Schools closed till June 3rd

JUNE, 1914.

1--Whit-Monday. Invitation Dance at Public Hall

7--Anniversary of Dairy Houses Sunday School

9--Meeting of Hospital Sunday Committee

10--Parade of Local Territorials

12--Special Intercession Services on behalf of the Church in Wales

14--First Open-air Service of Littleport C.E.M.S.

Anniversary of Littleport Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools

15--Health Talk at Vicarage Room by representative from Women's Imperial Health Association

18--Licence of "Black Horse" transferred to Mr. John Watson, ex Ely-Police Inspector

25--Conservative Meeting at Constitutional Hall addressed on Tariff Reform by Messrs. S. Rogers and H. Gorringe

26--Property Sale by Mr. H. G. Martin at "The Crown Inn"

27--Annual Outing of Littleport Branch of G.F.S.

29--Open-air Meeting of N.A.L.U. at Black Horse Drove

!!! A Littleport inhabitant (Mr Jacob Francis) aged 78 years, made the journey to London on a tricycle

29--Salvation Army Young People's Anniversary

30--The Local County Organisation Collection for Addenbrooke's Hospital realized £19 7s. 11d

JULY, 1914.

!!! 1--Swimming practice started in river. Glorious weather

4--Strawberry Tea in Town Boys' School in connection with Teachers' Tennis Club

5--Littleport Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary

!!! 9--Heavy rain and thunderstorm. Much damage done, streets flooded

11--Tennis-Littleport v. Mildenhall, at Mildenhall. Littleport won

!!! 12--Severe thunderstorm. Cow belonging to Mr. W. Walker killed by lightning

Annual Flower Service at Parish Church

15--Sunday School Treat in connection with Parish Church & S. Crispin's

16--Visit of Cambridge Branch of C.E.M.S, to Littleport

17--Commencement of Primitive Methodist Sunday School Convention. About 40 delegates attended

18--Annual Garden Party of Vicarage Bible Classes

21--Re-opening of Baptist Chapel in City Road

22--Long-day trip to Yarmouth. About 70 booked from Littleport

24--Land sale at "Crown" Inn by Mr. George Comins

!!! 25--Cricket match (Married v. Single) at Highfield. The latter won

Scouts Display on the Moors

Littleport Feast commenced

26--Annual Parade of Amalgamated Friendly Societies. £46 was collected

27--Second day of Littleport Feast

Annual Sports of Swimming Club

28--Third day of Littleport Feast

Annual Show and Gala of Horticultural and Foal Show Society

30--Meeting of National Union of Women's Suffrage Society on Pontois Hill

31--All schools close for harvest holidays

AUGUST, 1914.

1--Arthur Taylor gains scholarship at Soham Grammar School

Bank Holiday for Banks extended by Parliament to 3 days

!!! 4--England declared war on Germany

9--Special Services at Parish Church in connection with the War

Haystack burnt belonging to Mr. A. Jones, Camel Road

10--Capital and Counties Bank open permanent Branch at Littleport

18--Annual Meeting of Football Club.

22--Salvation Army Band gave concert in streets in aid of Prince of Wales Fund

26--Claude W. Mawby passed his Senior Cambs. Local Exam.

28--Mr. T. H. Summerlee completes his 60th year as Superintendent of Littleport Primitive Methodist Sunday School

!!! 29--Meeting at Public Hall to obtain recruits for Kitchener's Army

SEPTEMBER, 1914.

!!! 1--Biplane passed over Littleport-a seldom occurrence in this district

4--Mr. S. H. Allen appointed to Lay-readership at Bury St. Edmunds

5--Public Recruiting Meeting at Constitutional Hall. Twenty-one enlisted. These were presented with pipes and tobacco by Mrs. H. Tansley Luddington

6--Harvest Festival Services at Wesleyan Church. The Rev. Stanley Rowe appointed new minister

7--Mr. Hunt, of Kilburn, landed with his line over two stone of bream

9--Soldiers' and Sailors' Care-Local Committee formed

!!! 14--Meeting at Town Hall to establish a local Athletes' Volunteer Force. Thirty-five joined as members

19--Mr. D. J. Bird appointed local recruiting officer

20--Harvest Festival Services at Primitive Methodist Church

21--Pumpkin weighing 1/2-cwt. was grown by Mr. Youngs Rogers in his garden

27--Harvest Festival Services at Parish Church. Offertories amounted to over £20

28--Serious accident to lad named Arthur Barber, who was knocked down by horse and cart on Wisbech Road

30--Inquest on Frederick Henry Hudson, of Hockwold, who was accidentally drowned near Arber's Mill

Vital Statistics.-During Quarter there were 31 births and 13 deaths in Littleport District. Of the deaths 5 averaged 79 years with a total of 397

OCTOBER, 1914.

5--Altered Train Service for Littleport and throughout G.E.Ry

6--Swearing in of Special Constables for Littleport at Public Hall

Alterations in Postal Services, see particulars in local information. First daily bag from Littleport does not reach London till between 5 and 6 p.m. This must be altered

11--The Bishop of Ely preached at the Parish Church

16--Jumble Sale at Constitutional Hall in aid of National War Fund. Over £31 was realised

19--The Littleport group of Schools re-open after harvest holidays

21--Mildenhall Road Wesleyan Church Anniversary Services

23--Messrs. Hope Bros.' employees collected £5 for "The Daily Graphic" Soldiers' Comforts Fund

27--Lad named Benton narrowly escaped drowning in the Sheep Brook

28--Concert at Constitutional Hall in aid of Police Widows' and Orphans' Fund

30--Belgian Refugee Local Relief Committee formed

Mr. Robt. W. Bell starts weekly sales of poultry at "Crown" Inn

31--Belgian Saturday. Rosettes sold in streets in aid of Belgian sufferers

NOVEMBER, 1914.

1--Foreign Mission services at Wesleyan Church

2--Between 70 and 80 blankets sent by St. Matthew's parish to the soldiers. The amount collected by the Church-workers was over £13

"Darkie" Hutton, Salvation Army convert and ex-burglar, gives address at Public Hall

4--Annual Meeting of Horticultural and Foal Show Committee. Balance Sheet showed a successful year

6--Mr. Grimwade, of Camberwell, succeeds Mr. Allen as Lay-reader

Arrival of Belgian Refugees. The party consisted of 5 ladies and 6 children. Mr. Wm. Cutlack has lent the Brewery House for their residence

7--Mr. A. Breeze gained first prize in strong class of Norwich canaries at Wisbech Show

Death of Mr. W. C. Fitch, chemist. He had been a resident tradesman for nearly 50 years

9--Meeting of Joint Political Recruiting Committee

10--Morley Theobald and Percy Stearn (who had emigrated to Australia) joined the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force

14--Death of Lord Roberts, in France

16--Lantern Lecture in Girls' School by Mr. Percy Kimpton

19--Inquest on William Dennis, roadman, who was accidentally drowned in drain by side of Mildenhall Road

25--Social Gathering at Wesleyan Schoolroom

27--Collections by ladies at Little Ouse in aid of Belgian sufferers amounted to £10

DECEMBER, 1914.

1--Schools to close on December 24th and to re-open on January 5th, 1915

2--Successful Social Gathering in connection with Primitive Methodist Chapel at the Public Hall. The proceeds were in aid of Belgian distress

3--One hundredweight of coal given by Dr. Mawby to each of the old people in the
Holmes
