

# Almanac    Items of Interest during the Year 1914-15

Year  
1916

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1916).  
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.  
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## DECEMBER, 1914.

16--Meeting of Littleport Horticultural Society. Mr. Horace J. Martin was appointed president for the ensuing year

17--Annual Supper of Strict Englishman Sick and Benefit Club at Globe Inn

21--Share-out of Helping Hand Slate Club at Granby Hotel. Dividend, 12s. 10d. per member

27---Waifs and Strays Sunday at parish Church.

29--Christmas Party at Constitutional Hall in aid of Littleport Tommies at the front. Over £15 was realised

30--During the quarter in Littleport, there were 23 births and 13 deaths. Of the deaths 9 persons averaged 76 years each

## JANUARY, 1915.

1--Old Folks Tea at Salvation Army

2--First meeting of the United Free Church Open-air campaign

!!! 3--Bursting of Brandon River bank at Feltwell Fen. About 30,000 acres under water, average depth about 6ft

!!! Floods at Littleport-River 5ft. higher than at summer level

9--Meeting of National Agricultural Labourers' Union at Shippea Hill

!!! 11--In consequence of the flood at Little Ouse, out of 76 houses in the northern part of the parish, 69 were under water from 3 to 9 feet in depth. 67 families were compelled to remove

!!! 20--Temporary Wireless Installation erected by soldiers at Portley Hill

22--Inquest on Mrs. Sarah Glover

26--12th Anniversary of Highfield Mission Room held at Constitutional Hall

27--Sudden death of Mr. John Henry Adams, ironmonger

Quarterly Meeting of Free Church Council at Primitive Methodist Church

## **FEBRUARY, 1915.**

2--Whist Drive at Public Hall in aid of Southery Floods Distress Fund. Over £8 was realised

Mr. W. Harwood caught pike weighing over 13lbs., with live bait

Vicarage Bible Party not held this year. Contributions (£12) devoted to War Funds instead

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

11--Fourteen local soldiers leave for active service

First Annual Meeting of Primitive Methodist Choir

16--Meeting of District Conservative Association at Constitutional Hall

Annual Concert at S. Crispin's Mission Room Annual General Meeting of Littleport Constitutional Club

22--Meeting of local Volunteer Training Force.

## **MARCH, 1915.**

1---C.E.M.S.-Address by Rev. J. T. Kirkland. at Vicarage Room

!!! 3--Floods in Hilgay Fen still rising. Gap in bank partly repaired

4--Flying Billiard. Handicap at Working Men's Institute. Winners-Mr. J. S. Willson and Mr. Oxenberry

8--Social at Constitutional Hall in aid of Southery Floods Distress Fund

13--Southery Flood lowering

17--Sale of Mr. Joseph Luddington's effects at Constitutional Hall by Mr. H. G. Martin

22--Otter found in Ouse by Mr. Herbert Lofts. It measured 4ft. 2in. from tip to tail

29--Billiard. Handicap at Working Men's Institute. Winners-Mr. B. Wythers and Mr. L. Thorogood

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Town Hall

31--Vital Statistics : Births during quarter, 37; deaths, 33. 11 of the latter averaged over 77 years with a total of 848 years.

### **APRIL, 1915.**

6--Sergt.-Major Barber (3rd Suffolks) promoted to Second Lieutenant

10--Salvation Army : Visit of "Hallelujah Nancy " to Littleport

11--Wesleyan Church Anniversary. Financial proceeds over £17

13--Annual Concert of Bible Reading Union at Public Hall

16--Great Fire at Chaff Factory. Building completely destroyed

20--Land and property belonging to late Mr. W. C. Fitch sold by Mr. H. G. Martin

24--Accident to Mr. Wm. Jarman at G.E. Railway

25--Annual Bally of Y.P.S.C.E. at Primitive Methodist Church

### **MAY, 1915.**

9--Confirmation at Parish Church 10--Annual Vestry Meeting, and appointment of Churchwardens at Littleport Church and St. Matthew's Church

19--Special Committee Meeting of Horticultural Society

22--Collision between two motor cars in Granby Street

23--Collision between motor car and side car in Main Street. Damage slight in both cases

24--Bank Holiday. Schools granted one day's holiday month to Sick and Wounded

## **JUNE, 1915.**

2--News received of death at the Dardanelles of Pte. Morley Theobald, of the 2nd Australian Contingent

!!! 3--Schools closed for three weeks owing to measles epidemic

4--Track load of hay caught fire at G.E. Railway Station by spark from passing engine

7--Glebe Tennis Club commenced play for the season

9--Meeting at Public Hall of Subscribers to Belgian Refugee Fund

Meeting at Black Horse to consider formation of local Angling Club

10--Mrs. J. L. Luddington forwarded £15 11s. 11d. (locally collected) to S. John's Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society.

12--Fine porpoise caught in Hundred Foot River by Mr. H. Starling

13--Primitive Methodist S.S. Anniversary

Fire at Miss Perry's at corner of High Street. Damage slight.

14--New Post Office opened. Mrs. K. F. Brown, of Ipswich, appointed Postmistress

19--Frost causes serious damage to potato crops

20--First Open-air Service for season in connection with C.E.M.S.

30--Heavy thunder storm raged over Littleport for two hours

## **JULY, 1915.**

1--Mr. Wilfrid Cross qualified for admission to the Inns of Court Training Corps. 300 applicants ; 40 passed. Mr. Cross was the youngest

2--Local Band being organized, with Mr. E. A. Dring as Bandmaster

6--Wall of house in Silt Road, occupied by Mr. Thos. Nightall, collapsed. No one hurt.

7--Mr. Wm. Davis, caretaker at Constitutional Hall, resigns his post after 23 years service

8--Annual Meeting of Littleport Amalgamated Friendly Societies. Mr, R. J. Collins was appointed Secretary, and Mr. E. E. Barrow Chairman for ensuing year.

11--Annual Floral Service at Parish Church

12--Alteration in times of despatch and delivery of letters at Post Office

14--Annual Treat of Highfield Sunday School

19--Annual Treat of Church Sunday Schools

22--First practice of newly-formed local Band

25--Hospital Parade by Amalgamated Friendly Societies. £66 1s. 8d. was collected- by far the largest sum ever obtained by this Society

26--Fire at motor shed of Messrs. Crisswell & Godfrey. Shed and contents completely burnt, but no outside damage done.

27--Annual Show of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society at Highfield. The profits of Show, amounting to nearly £60, were given to Red Cross funds. This was in addition to £7 obtained by sale of flowers

28--There were no Swimming Sports this year

Concert by the Misses Radford at the Grange in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital

29--Miss Nellie Brown wins an exhibition at Ely High School

29--Miss Doris Cross passed, successfully in piano playing at Cambridge Trinity college of Music

30--Distribution of Prizes at Littleport Town Girls' School

31--Fire on premises occupied by Mr. H. Judd

## **AUGUST, 1915.**

2--Fishing match in connection with local Angling Club. Fishing poor. 30 entries. Heaviest catch, 9 1/4 oz. The Club numbers 80 members

3--At a meeting of the Town Band, it was decided to give all work connected with the Band to local tradesmen

4--War Intercession Services at all local churches.

6--Sale of late Mr. John Rogers' property by Mr. H. G. Martin at the Crown Inn

8--Wesleyan Sunday School 105th Anniversary

**!!!** 15--Violent thunderstorm. Many streets flooded

25--Accident to Mr. Mendham Pettit whilst working on reaper on Mr. Tansley Luddington's farm. He fell on to the knives, was taken to Addenbrooke's, where he eventually died

28--Rev. T. G. Rogers appointed Vicar of Hoyland, Yorks

Announcement of resignation by the Rev. F. E. Rogers as Vicar of Littleport

29--Re-visit of Mr. W. H. T. Cripps, who is now signaller with the 2nd Canadian Contingent

## **SEPTEMBER, 1915.**

1--Miss Dorothy Peake passed the Cambridge Local Senior Examination. Mr. H. H. Theobald also passed with 3rd Class Honours

3--Mr. Robt. Pond, of Church Lane, has four sons with the Colours

5--Rev. Geo. Speight, new Wesleyan minister, commenced his duties

7--Children's Gala in connection with Co-operative Society

12--Harvest Festivals at S. Matthew's Church and at Salvation Army Citadel

19--Harvest Thanksgiving at Primitive Methodist Church

20--Littleport Town and Ten Mile Bank Schools re-open after summer holidays

22 & 26--Harvest Festival at Parish Church

!!! 27--Littleport Dairymen raise their milk to 4d. per quart

28--One root in Mr. Geo. Canham's garden yielded 82 potatoes, weighing 121bs.

## **OCTOBER, 1915.**

3--Rev. T. G. Rogers preaches his farewell sermon at Parish Church

4--Successful Repository Sale by Mr. H. G. Martin

5--Accident to Wm. Laws, who fell 20 feet from a ladder

!!! 7--Second crop of raspberries gathered by Mr. J. Cross in his garden

13--2nd Anniversary of Mildenhall Road Wesleyan Chapel

15--Sudden death from heart failure of Mrs. Frank Luddington

18--General Meeting of Angling Club to arrange fixtures for ensuing year

20--Women's War Work Party formed in Littleport

21--First tea and dance of the season at Alexandra Hall Girls' Club

22--Dinner given by Mr. Horace Martin to his potato-pickers

!!! 25--Inquest at Public Hall on Alice Upton. Coroner speaks strongly in favour of erection of mortuary for Littleport

27--Police Concert at Constitutional Hall

31--Institution and Induction of Rev. T. G. Rogers at Hoyland Parish Church

## **NOVEMBER, 1915.**

3--Dr. Hutt, late of Littleport, joined the R.A.M.C.

4--Salmon trout (the first for many years), weighing 81bs. 14ozs., caught in the River Ouse by Mr. W. Sparrow

Annual Meeting of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society

10--Band of 31st Cambs. Regt. attended the Town on Recruiting Mission

11--Whist Drive and Dance in connection with Littleport Town Band

14--Mr. Vialls, caretaker of Constitutional Hall, missing. River dragged at Sandhill Bridge, where coat was found. No trace of body up to present

18--S. Crispin's Annual Tea and Concert

20--Russian Flag Day at Littleport

23--Accident to Mr. Arthur Townsend whilst driving his motor cycle on Portley Hill. Mr. T. collided with a motor car, and was badly injured

26--Death of Mr. Thomas Hines Summerlee, aged 90 years-a very old inhabitant of Littleport. See separate notice

29--Horace English, a lad from Black Horse Drove, drowned at Poplar Drove by horse and cart falling into drain and pinning him underneath

Mrs. Caroline Collins drowned near Sandhill Bridge by walking into river in dense darkness

## **DECEMBER, 1915.**

1--Inquests at Public Hall on foregoing fatalities

8--Adjourned inquest on Horace English. Verdict, " Accidental Death"

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