

Almanac Items of Interest during the Year 1927-28

Year

1929

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1929).
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
Every care is taken to make the following list correct
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DECEMBER, 1927.

11--Unveiling of Memorial Scroll to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Thornhill, of Littleport, at St. Margaret's Church, Hamilton, Canada

14--Whist Drive and Dance in connection with Littleport Women's Conservative Association at Constitutional Hall

17--Hockey Match--Littleport v. Mildenhall. The former won 5-4

19--Tenth Birthday of Littleport Girl Guides and Brownies. Service Badges presented by Mrs. Glenfield Martin

21--Hope Bros, entertain their employees to Annual Christmas Party in Cinema Hall

25--Memorial Window unveiled at Littleport Parish Church in memory of the late Mr. James Gibson

Heavy Snowstorms throughout the country

31--Choir Boys entertained to Tea and Social Evening by Mr. C. Defew

Christmas Treat in connection with Littleport Parish Church Infants' Sunday School
Skating on the Dead Waters

JANUARY, 1928.

1--Waifs and Strays Sunday at Parish Church. Rev. Jacoby, Organising Secretary, was the preacher

2--Wesley Guild New Year's Social

6--Sale of Private Residence and Chemical Factory by Mr. Heber G. Martin at Ten Mile Bank, Hilgay

!!! 7--Floods at Littleport reach highest point

8--Week-end visit of Mr. J. J. Smith to Independent Chapel

9--First Monthly Meeting of Women's Institute for 1928

10--Annual General Meeting of Littleport Bowls Club at Town Hall. It was decided to enlarge the Green

New Year's Party in connection with Women's Bright Hour

11--Wesleyan Infants' Sunday School Annual Winter Treat

Annual New Year's Party of Alexandra Institute at Constitutional Hall

16--Mothers' Union Annual Tea and Social Evening in Parish Room

17--Annual Christmas Treat of S. Crispin's Sunday School

19--Partner Whist Drive and Dance at St. Matthew's Institute in aid of Children's Summer Outing Fund

23--Master R. Laws gains Elementary Certificate for proficiency in Pitman's shorthand

25--Invitation Dance arranged by Mrs. D'Amato and Miss Latty at Constitutional Hall

Concert arranged by Local Labour Party in Cinema Hall

26--Mrs. Heber and Mrs. Horace Martin entertained members of their Mothers' Meetings to a New Year's Party in Constitutional Hall

29--The Cottenham Salvation Army Band visits Littleport

30--Badminton--Cambs, v. Norfolk in Constitutional Hall. The latter won

Annual Meeting of Parochial Church Council

31--Rainfall for January heavier than any month since Nov., 1926. Total for January, 3.53 inches

FEBRUARY, 1928.

1--Meeting of Littleport Ratepayers' Association at Crown Inn

Concert Meeting at Constitutional Hall in connection with Isle of Ely Conservative Association

Meeting of Littleport Horticultural Society

!!! Meeting of Parish Council. Question of electric lighting discussed

Death of Mr. Joseph Jordan, of Station Road, a War hero

5--Earl Haig Memorial Service at Parish Church

6--Monthly Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Mrs. H. G. Martin and Mr. H. P. Peacock were re-elected Trustees

7--Jumble Sale held in Wesleyan Schoolroom in connection with Women's Bright Hour realised £5 0s. 6d.

8--Women's Institute New Year's Party at Constitutional Hall

9--Badminton-County trials at Constitutional Hall

11--Hockey-Littleport v. Mildenhall. The latter won 2-1

13--Meeting of Littleport and Downham Tenants of the Rural District Houses at Crown Inn to protest against advance in rent. It was decided to form an association known as the Littleport & District Municipal Association

14--Annual Meeting of Working Men's Club

15--Parish Church Annual Social in Constitutional Hall

!!! Branch Bridge collapses

19--Schoolmasters' Day at Primitive Methodist P.S.A.

20--Annual Meeting of Subscribers to Parish Nursing Fund Death of Mr. T. E. Summerlee

21--Last Whist Drive and Dance of season at St. Matthew's Institute The Rev. N. W. Shelton, M.A., entertains Choir and Bell-ringers to supper at Cafe Marguerite

22--Co-operative Society Concert Meeting at Cinema Hall

23--Badminton-Ladies' Match. Cambs, v. Norfolk, at Littleport. The latter won by a narrow margin

25--Last practice of Cambridge Crew on the Ouse between Littleport and Ely

27--Missionary Demonstration given by Major & Mrs. Rawson at Salvation Army

28--Bi-monthly meeting of Managers of Littleport Council Schools at Town Hall

29--General Meeting of Littleport Ratepayers' Association at Boys' School
Entertainment by members of the Wesley Guild at Cinema Hall

The Rainfall for February was 1.20 ins., the lightest for that month since 1924

MARCH, 1928.

1--Annual General Meeting of Littleport Women's Conservative Association at
Constitutional Hall

2--Nurse Morgan commenced duty (as successor to Nurse Svoronos) at the Infant
Welfare Centre

3--Badminton--Cambs, v. Norfolk (mixed doubles) at the Constitutional Hall. The
latter won

6--Meeting of Parish Council. Repairing of Victoria Street discussed.

7--Fancy Dress Dance organised by Alexandra Institute at Constitutional Hall
Concert Meeting arranged by Local Labour Party in Cinema Hall

11--Mr. Tom Holland, the singing evangelist, conducted P.S.A. Service in Cinema
Hall

14--Meeting in connection with Local Liberal Association in Cinema Hall

15--Whist Drive and Dance in support of Bowls Club at Constitutional Hall

Domino Drive at St. Matthew's Institute

20--Death of Mrs. Leadbetter

21--"Zurika," an Operetta, performed by Girls of the Town School at Cinema Hall

24--Jumble Sale in aid of Parish Church Restoration Fund at Town Girls' School

25--Last P.S.A. of session at Primitive Methodist Chapel

28--Meeting of Littleport Municipal Association addressed by candidates for the Ely
Rural District Council

S.P.G. Missionary Exhibition Van visits Littleport

Closing Social of Wesley Guild

30--Death of Mr. E. H. Summerlee

31--Mr. H.W. Norman, formerly of City Road, Littleport, elected on the Edmonton
Urban District Council

Statistics-During the past Quarter, 38 births (21 boys and 17 girls) and 17 deaths (7 males and 10 females) were registered in the Littleport Sub-district

The rainfall for March was 1.56 inches

APRIL, 1928.

!!! 1--Mr. Joseph Gunton, of Council Houses, Ditton, fractured his skull in collision with a cow on the Ely Road

2--Ely Rural District Council and Parish Council Elections Meeting of Towns Lands Charity. It was decided to allocate the Funds as follows - Addenbrooke's Hospital, £5 5s.; Hunstanton Convalescent Home, £3 3s. ; Littleport Nursing Fund, £30

Members' Night at Women's Institute

3--Littleport Constitutional Club entertained Soham Comrades' Club in billiards, snooker, whist, and domino contests

9--Carnival Dance arranged by Town Football Club in Constitutional Hall

!!! 15--Annual Egg Service at Parish Church. 1,082 eggs were collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital

16--Women's Institute Group Conference at Constitutional Hall

18--Meeting of Parish Council. Extension of Water Main to Black Horse Drove discussed

21--Death of Mr. E. Luddington, an old inhabitant

25--Women's Institute Bazaar at Constitutional Hall

27--"The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert and Sullivan) performed by Southery Amateur Operatic Society at Cinema Hall

29--38th Anniversary of Opening of the Wesleyan Chapel

MAY, 1928.

3--Presentation to Mr. H. H. Verdon by members of Glebe Tennis Club in recognition of his nine years work as Secretary

4--Alexandra Hockey Club Dance at Constitutional Hall

6--Dedication of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Dairy Houses, by Bishop

7--Comic Football Match (Butchers v. Young Ladies) at Highfield in aid of Boys'

School Piano Fund

Annual Meeting of Hospital Sunday Committee at Town Hall Winding-up Meeting of Working Men's Club after being established

8--Final of Billiards Cup at Constitutional Club. Mr. J Kerridge was the winner

13--Little Ouse Annual Hospital Parade

Disastrous Fire at Mr. W. Tann's Poultry Farm

14--Official opening of enlarged Bowls Club Green

19--A party of Town Schoolboys paid a day's visit to Zoological Gardens

23--Extra Meeting of Women's Institute. Mr. Andrews, of Peterborough, gave a lecture on Bee Keeping

24--Empire Day. Sale of Badges in aid of the Earl Haig Memorial Homes

27--Bishop Price preached at Parish Church

JUNE, 1928.

4--Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Letting of Town Hall discussed

5--Meeting of Choral Society

6--Confirmation Service at Parish Church

7--Meeting of Ely Rural District Council at Ely. Drainage of Main St., Littleport, discussed

10--Primitive Methodist Chapel Anniversary

16--Boxing Tournament arranged by Littleport Boxing Club in Constitutional Hall

17--Thanksgiving Services in connection with Restoration of Tower and Organ at Parish Church Salvation Army Anniversary

19--Sudden death of Mr. W. H. Rains, of Black Horse Drove

Thirty members of Women's Institute spent a pleasant day at Yarmouth

Bowls--Littleport v. Ely Conservatives on Hempfield Green. The former won by 3 points

20--Parish Church Bell-ringers spent enjoyable day at Skegness

Sale of Work in aid of New Organ Fund at St. Matthew's Vicarage

22--Mothers' Union outing to Somersham

26--Funeral of Mr. Henry Gilbert, formerly of Littleport, at West Tofts cemetery

27--Bowls--Littleport defeated by Ely City at Ely

29--Disastrous Fire at Mr. Phoenix's farm at Shippea Hill. Five stacks were destroyed

American Tennis Tournament in aid of Church Restoration Fund at "The Limes"

30--Littleport Women's Conservative Association entertained the members' children to Tea

Tennis--Littleport v. Ely City. The latter won

Reginald Laws, of Station Rd., met with serious accident in collision with motor cycle on the Ely Road

The rainfall for June was 2.77 inches

JULY, 1928.

1--Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary

3--A party of Church Army Crusaders, on a route march from Derby to Lowestoft, made a short halt at Littleport

Twenty members of Women's Institute paid a day's visit to London

4--Garden Fete in connection with Wesleyan Chapel

Meeting of Parish Council. Repairing of Sandhill Quay discussed

!!! 5--Meeting of Ely Rural District Council. The construction of river bank to prevent further floods at Littleport was discussed

8--Annual Flower Service at Parish Church

9--Miss Cissie Theobald gained Diploma in General Hygiene by which she is qualified to become a member of the Institute of Hygiene

9--Accident to Mr. J. S. Fendick, caused by horse kicking a rail, the latter striking Mr. Fendick's shoulder

10--Music Successes-The following were successful in Examinations in connection with Trinity College of Music:-Beatrice Kerridge, Mildred Harrison and Gladys Gotobed, pupils of Miss. Theobald; and Joan Cant and Phyllis Cox, pupils of Miss D. Cross

Mrs. Horace and Mrs. Heber Martin entertained members of Ouse Bridge and Littleport Women's Institutes at Highfield

Property of the late Mr. E. H. Summerlee sold by Messrs. A. T. Grain & Sons at Crown Inn

11--United Sunday Schools' Outing to Hunstanton

Tennis--Littleport defeated by Ely Old Tree

!!! 14--Accident to Mr. H. W. Sallis, whose motor car ran into a lamp post on the Ely Road, caused by steering gear going wrong

15--Death of Mr. W. W. Benstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Benstead, of Little Ouse, at the Queen's Hospital, Sidcup

17--Meeting of Hospital Committee to make final arrangements for Annual Parade

18--Local Bakers' Annual Outing to Yarmouth

20--Schools' Singing Contest in Cinema Hall. Littleport Girls won the Shield for the third time

21--Boxing Tournament at Public Room, Ely, organised by Littleport Boxing Club

Sudden death of Mr. W. O. Waite Hospital

Flag Day. £9 19s. 1 1/2d. was realised

22--Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Annual Hospital Parade

24--Ernest Butcher, Philip Brown, Michael Palmer, Muriel Marsh, Cissie Wilson, Betty Collins and Dorothy Register, all of the Town Schools, were successful in gaining Secondary School

25--Bowls-Littleport v. Haddenham on Hempfield Green. The former won

26--Annual Sports of Littleport Swimming Club at Sandhill Bridge. A. B. Grant-Stephens (Cambridge S.C.) won the Cup

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Taylor, of Wisbech Rd., celebrated their Golden Wedding

27--Annual Show of the Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society. There was a large attendance, despite the unfavourable weather

28--American Tennis Tournament in connection with Teachers' Club

29--Rev. G. W. Bell, formerly of Littleport, preached at Parish Church

30--Sale of Property of the late Mr. G. Nunn by Mr. H. G. Martin at Town Hall

Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Re-decorating of Town Hall discussed

Co-operative Children's Annual Gala marred by rain

31--Music Successes-The following were successful in Examinations in connection with R.A.M. and R.O.M. Grammar of Music, Division II.-Winifred B. Russell. Division III.-Ivy E. Smith, Elsie W. Smith and Joan Cheeseright. All are pupils of Miss Theobald

AUGUST, 1928.

4--The Prize Draws in connection with Hospital Sunday Committee took place. The Motor Cycle was won by Mr. A. Pope, of Ely

!!! 6--Bank Holiday. There were about 450 bookings at the Train Station, 200 of these being for King's Lynn

9--Meeting of Ely Rural District Council. It was decided not to take action regarding the repairing of Sandhill Quay

14--Bowls-Littleport v. Ely St. Audrey. The former won by 8 points

18--Twenty-one Boy Scouts of 1st Bochdale (Lanes.) Troop arrived at Littleport, and stayed a week Camping in Mr. Lincoln's field

19--Sudden death of Mr. J. H. Summerlee

James Shereyton, an Irish labourer, met with serious accident by colliding with cyclist near Black Horse Drove

20--Meeting of Angling Club at Black Horse Inn

21--Fire at Railway Station. Contents of Lamp Shed destroyed

22--Juvenile Swimming Sports. Mr. Fendick's Medal was won by Joe Register

23--Death of Mrs. J. L. Luddington, of Wallington Hall, King's Lynn, who formerly resided at Littleport, and was well known in this district

28--Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Rolfe, of Lynn Road, who was the oldest of five living generations

SEPTEMBER, 1928.

7--Nurse Lawrence succeeded Nurse Morgan at the Infant Welfare Centre

9--Patronal Festival at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Dairy Houses

Fishing Match at Littleport. The Angling Club Cup was won by Mr. T. A. Martin, of Ely. There were 92 competitors

10--Mr. Robert Merry, of Fleet, near Holbeach, a native of Littleport, left estate of the gross value of £9,108, with net personalty of £3,981. He bequeathed £900 to his housekeeper

11--Meeting of Founders' Committee of Littleport Boxing Club

17--Stack Fire on Messrs. Martin Bros' premises on Ely Road

News received of the death of Mrs. J. T. Washington (formerly of Littleport), at Dunkirk, New York

19--Nurse Shutt gave a lecture on "Health" at the Salvation Army

21--Death at Soham of Mr. David May, a former resident of Black Horse Drove

22--Jumble Sale organised by Girl Guides in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital realised over £20

Bowls--Singles Competition on Mr. T. J. Mott's lawn. Mr. H. Pettit was the winner

28--Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Salvation Army

24--Town Schools re-open after 7 weeks holiday

!!! 26--Meeting of Parish Council. Street Lighting for the winter discussed

29--Death of Mr. D. R. Spencely

30--Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Parish Church Harvest Festival at Wesleyan Chapel

The rainfall for the month was 0.93 inches, the lowest for September for several years

OCTOBER, 1928.

1--Opening of Campaign at Ely Beet Sugar Factory

Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Re-letting of lands

2--The annual house-to-house collection, &c., in connection with the County Organisation Fund for Addenbrooke's Hospital amounted to over £106, a record

3--Cinema Entertainment in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. £15 was realised

7--Harvest Festival at St. John's, Little Ouse Rev. G. W. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Bell, Ten Mile Bank, Littleport, ordained priest by the Bishop of Chelmsford

First P.S.A. of season at Primitive Methodist Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Crispin's Harvest Festival at St. Matthew's Church

9--Old Age Pensioners entertained to Tea by Women's Institute at Constitutional Hall

11--Barrett's Circus visited Littleport

16--Opening Social of Wesleyan Junior Guild

Special Meeting of Bowls Club at Town Hall. Mr. John Rayner was elected hon. treasurer

Commencement of Evening Classes at Town Boys' School

!!! 17--"Africa To-day," a Missionary Film of African Life, shown at Cinema Hall

18--Meeting of Hospital Sunday Committee. It was decided to allocate the Funds as follows :-Hunstanton Convalescent Home, £4 4s. ;Ely Massage Clinic, £15 15s.; Littleport Nursing Fund, £20; Addenbrooke's Hospital, £379 1s.

Opening Meeting of Choral Society. It was decided to commence practice on Mendelssohn's "St. Paul "

20--Death of Mrs. Porter Rogers, of High Street

21--Presentation to Miss Winifred Lofts, on the occasion of her marriage, by Teachers and Scholars of Church Sunday School, of which she was a teacher

Mission, conducted by Mr. J. J. Smith, commenced at Independent Chapel

22--Annual Meeting of Littleport British Legion

23--Property of Mr. R. V. Watson sold by Mr. G. Comins at Crown Inn

"Rummy" Drive at Constitutional Club. Mr. F. Law was the winner

24--Serious accident to Mrs. S. Tann who was knocked down by a motor lorry on Wisbech Road

Joint Meeting of Littleport Branch of the General Workers' Union and Littleport Labour Party in Cinema Hall

28--Special Visit of High Wycombe Salvation Army Band to Littleport

First Anniversary of Women's Bright Hour

30--The house-to-house collection in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes amounted to £14 0s. 10d.

31--Sudden death in London of Mr. A. J. Woods Barrett, of the Moorings.

!!! Littleport Special Meeting of Women's Institute in Constitutional Hall.
Demonstration by representative of Green's Sponge Mixture

The rainfall for October was 3.36 inches, the highest for that month since 1924

NOVEMBER, 1928.

5--Foreign Missionary Meeting in Wesleyan Schoolroom

Opening of a Club in connection with Local Labour Party

8--Whist Drive and Dance at St. Matthew's Institute in connection with Tennis Club

10--Poppy Day at Littleport. Over £40 was realised

Hockey--Chatteris v. Littleport. The former won 3-1

11--Armistice Day. Special Services at Parish Church

14--Littleport British Legion Annual Dinner

16--Arrival of Church Army Van at Littleport

!!! Terrific Gale swept the country

17--Littleport Boxing Club Tournament at Constitutional Hall

20--Annual General Meeting of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society

21--Parish Church Social at Constitutional Hall

!!! 26--Over £5 was collected in Littleport for the Royal Lifeboat Institution

28--Social and Dance organised by Alexandra Institute at Constitutional Hall

30--The rainfall for November was 2.17 inches

DECEMBER, 1928..

3--Quarterly Meeting of Ely Primitive Methodist Circuit. Building of a New Chapel at Littleport discussed

Annual Meeting of the Hereward Lodge of Oddfellows

Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Allotting of Grocery & Coal Tickets

4--Property of the late Mr. Porter Rogers sold by Mr. H. G. Martin at Crown Inn Social in connection with Women's Bright Hour

5--Meeting of Parish Council. Mr. John Rayner elected a Trustee of the Town Lands Charity

10--Annual Meeting of Women's Institute at Constitutional Hall

11--Annual General Meeting of Strict Englishman Benefit Club

12--Schoolboys' Boxing Tournament at Town Hall
