



## Items of Interest during the Year 1962-63

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Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.  
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### December, 1962.

1--Mr. Sandy McPherson, resident B.R.C. organist, opened the Parish Church Christmas Fair at the Constitutional Hall. The event was in aid of the church organ restoration fund and yielded £187 17s. 0d.

3--Members of the Hereward Lodge of Odd Fellows presented a barometer to Bro. J. W. Atkins to mark his retirement from the office of Trustee after 54 years of service.

4--Formation of Littleport Flower Arrangement Club. Mrs. A. J. Brown, of Plantation House, Lynn Road, was appointed Secretary.

8--Proceeds of the St. John's Methodist Church Fair were £67 5s. 0d. Mrs. Rice, of Prickwillow, was the opener.

Children of Black Horse Drove Methodist Sunday School collected £5 for the National Children's Home.

8--The home of Mrs. Phyllis Nunn, of Bells Farm, Wisbech Road, was broken into and a small quantity of money stolen.

11--A cross-bred heifer, exhibited at King's Lynn Fat Stock Show by Mr. Jack Wilson, of Camel Road, Littleport, took five first prizes, a second, and won a silver challenge cup.

12--Presentation made to Mr. W. S. Washington, employed by British Railways as a porter at Littleport Station, to mark the completion of 45 years' service.

13--Children of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, presented a Nativity play at the Community Centre. A collection realised £10 for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Messrs. A. T. Grain & Sons, of Ely, held their Annual Show and Sale of Christmas Fatstock. A pen of four porker pigs won a first prize for Mr. R. Stubbings, of Littleport.

14--Engagement announced between Janet, second daughter of Mr. And Mrs. R. L. Scott, of Plains Lane, Littleport, and Mr. Melvyn Heaps, of Pymoor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Chapman, of Upton Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Jacqueline, to Mr, Michael Leonard, of Ely.

Annual Dinner of the Littleport united choirs held at the Cutter Inn, Ely.

Engagement announced between Carolyn Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sloan, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Mr. Trevor Banks, of Reach, Cambs.

14 Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gayfer, of Crown Lane, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Florence, to John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. G. Coleby, of Granby Street, Littleport.

15--At the annual meeting of Littleport Women's institute Mrs. W. J. Gill was elected President for the fifteenth successive year. In her address she spoke of the continued help given by local tradespeople and others outside the movement.

"Miss Littleport" competition staged at the Constitutional Hall by the Women's Section of the Littleport branch of the British Legion. The winner was Miss Diana Williams, of Ely. Miss Anita King and Miss Evelyn Pettitt, both of Littleport, were second and third respectively.

19--Children of the County Primary School presented their annual play, "New Clothes for the Emperor", As the emperor, Peter Easy gave a splendid performance, while Sally Tassell was perfectly cast as Auntie Garlyk.

21--Engagement announced between Mr. Kenneth Butcher, of Welney, and Miss Iris Youngs of the "Three Horse Shoes", Littleport.

Engagement announced between Miss Gillian Smith, of Ely, and Mr. Ronald Mackender, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs, W. Mackender, of Victoria Street, Littleport.

24--Midnight Mass was celebrated at the Parish Church. 120 made their Communion.

25--Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins, of Victoria Street, Littleport, celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvert, of Lotts Bridge, Three Holes .

A united service for all the Free Churches in Littleport was held in the Independent Chapel.

28--Engagement announced between Miss Marion Covell, of Little Downham, and Mr. Maurice Tuck, only son of Mr. and Mrs, T. Tuck, of Longfield Road, Littleport.

## January, 1963.

4--Engagement announced between Ross, only son of Doctor and Mrs. T, B. Gordon, The Herons, Littleport, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S, Seetham, Branock, Barroway Drove, Downham Market.

Mr, and Mrs. H. Game, Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, announced the engagement of their daughter Mary, to Colin, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robinson. Upton Place, Littleport.

7--Annual Isle of Ely Police Ball held at the Grange.

First service of a United Week of Prayer held at the Salvation Army Hall.

8--Women's Institute New Year Party. Mrs. F. Clack was presented with the trophy awarded annually to the winner of most competition points during the year.

11--Nursing Success, Miss Jean Atkinson, whose home is at 38, The Crescent, achieved further success in her nursing career by gaining her S.C. M, as the result of a recent final examination. She is rthe third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Atkinson.

12--The following pupils of Martin School were successful at ordinary level in the autumn General Certificate of Education examinations: Geoffrey Barber, English language (honours); Malcolm Flack-Crane, geometrical and mechanical drawing; Richard Mellors, English language (honours), physics with chemistry; Patricia Garner, and: Christine Hicks, mathematics; Shirley Scott, English language. cookery: Susan Whiteman, mathematics, cookery.

19--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church. Ely. between Miss Maureen Johnson, of Ely. and Mr. Brian Cross, first son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Cross, of New River Bank, Littleport.

G, Wilson, of Littleport, was unplaced in a boys' (under 16) race organised by the Fen Committee of the National Skating Association at Tongue End, near Spalding.

23--Annual meeting of Littleport Bowls Club. Mr. J. E. Wilson resigned as secretary and was succeeded by Mr. B. G. Wright. Later in the evening Mr. Wilson was

elected President.

!!! 24--Due to the prolonged freezing weather, all water used in connection with the Women's Institute's annual sausage supper at Black Horse Drove, had to be carried 200 yards.

25--Mr. V. G. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Watson, of 20, Victoria Street, Littleport, was recently awarded by the Senate of the University of London, the degree of Master of Arts as the result of research done on certain aspects of twentieth century literature.

Martin Allen 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen, of Black Horse Drove, was awarded third prize in a competition organised by the magazine "Music in Education", The competition, open to the whole country was for an essay on music.

!!! 26--Due to the "big freeze". water bursts occurred in the exposed pipe-work of the water tower at Littleport, causing a serious water situation.

31--Mr.. John Sallis. of Littleport was awarded the Young Farmers' Cup for skating On the River Ouse at Ely.

At a recent County Women's Institutes Executive Committee Meeting at March, a bllrsary to Denham College was awarded to Mrs. J. Gilbert. of Littleport. She was to attend a course on Japanese flower decoration.

## February. 1963

1--Annual meeting of the Littleport and District Motor Cycle and Light Car Club. A surplus of £103 was reported.

Engagement announced between Mr. Terence Flatt, of Ely, and Miss Doris Baker. youngest daughter of the late Mr, and Mrs Baker. of Flanders Farm. Littleport.

Engagement announced between Miss Kathleen Laws, of Southery, and Mr. Michael Stimpson, of Saffron Close, Littleport.

2--Isle of Ely Secondary Schools' Cross-County Championships held at the Martin School. In the junior boys' race Littleport's D. Carter tied for first place and in the girls' event the first three places went to Littleport. Suzy Smutok, was first, Susan Banyard second and Glynis Lee third.

!!! 5--The Isle of Ely Education Committee approved a recommendation that a new youth club adjoining the Martin School should be built during 1963-64. The

estimated cost was £9,900.

In the Isle of Ely Schools' Safety First Essay Competition the following pupils Of the Martin School gained awards: Janice Ambrose (first), Patricia Borley (third). G. Barber (third), Susan Handley (highly commended).

7--Frank David Morton and Ronald Geoffrey Morton, both of 14, Victoria Street, Littleport. were sworn in as special constables at Ely Magistrates' Court.

Dr. A. I. Cheyne gave the first of a course of first aid lectures to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

8--Athletics--Sixteen year old Robert Jones, of Littleport, a pupil of the Cambridge Technical College. won the Cambs. Schools Intermediate Cross-country race at Linton.

11--The Watson Challenge Trophy awarded annually by the Isle of Ely Constabulary Sports Club for the outstanding sportsman of the year, was won jointly by P.c. A. G. George, of Littleport, and P.c. R. Bidwell, of Chatteris.

12--Tragic death of Mr. William Ewart Creek. carpenter and joiner, of Victoria Street. Aged 62, Mr. Creek took his own life.

13--A precept totalling £3,075 was issued upon the rating authority by Littleport Parish Council. The sum showed an increase of £825 on the previous year's figure.

14--Darts--Peter Stebbings, of Black Horse Drove, was beaten in the semi-finals of the "News of the World" area championship, held at Ely.

15--Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jordan, of Station Road. Littleport, celebrated their golden Wedding anniversary.

Miss Patsy Garner, of Ely Road. Littleport, was elected "Miss Valentine" at a dance organised by the British Legion Band. Miss Jane Neville, also of Ely Road. was third.

Sir Harry Legge-Bourke. M.P. attended a social evening organised by the local branch of the Women's Conservative Association.

18--St. John's, Little Ouse, Parochial Church Council Meeting. Captain G. H. Robbins. Evangelist-in-Charge. gave notice of his impending departure.

21--February meeting of the Ely Circuit Women's Fellowship held at Ely Methodist Church. The speaker was Miss Railton, of Littleport, who gave an account of her



visit to a former colleague, Nurse Biart, who was doing mission work with the Zambesi Mission in Nyasaland.

22--Littleport Cricket Club's Supper and Social marked its 75th Anniversary. Mr. J. H. Martin (President) spoke of the Club's early history, mentioning his family's long association with it.

**!!!** Mr. Albert Gillett, of the Post Office Stores, Black Horse Drove, with his son Roderick, narrowly escaped death at the Black Horse Drove railway crossing. His van was struck by an oncoming train when about to cross the fogbound crossing.

Mr. and Mrs, J. Firby, of High Street, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Mary, to Mr. Raymond Starling, of Southery.

25--Methods of increasing the profitability of the sugar beet crop were discussed at a forum entitled "Sugar yield for profit", held in the Martin School, Littleport. The meeting was organised jointly by the Isle of Ely National Agricultural Advisory Service and the British Sugar Corporation. Mr. J. S. Martin, M.A., was in the Chair.

26--The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death on Mr. Ivan Donald Lee, of 9, Saffron Close, Littleport, at Doddington Hospital. Thirty year old Mr, Lee was found to be dead on arrival at Doddington Hospital after his car had been involved in a collision with a Wisbech St, Mary man's car near Hobbs Lot Bridge, March, on February 21st.

Darts--By defeating the Three Pickerels (Mepal) the Plough and Harrow (Littleport) won the Ely Darts Organisation's premier award--the Cromwell League.

**!!!** 27--When members of the Littleport Fire Brigade were taking part in the annual darts tournament in aid of the Fire Service Benevolent Fund at the Plough and Harrow, they received a call from Black Horse Drove. A potato chitting shed, the property of Mr. Cyril Bedford, at Covenham Farm, was alight. Six tons of seed potatoes were destroyed.

Speakers from Trinidad, Kenya and Sarawak took part in a United Nations Association forum held at the Martin School. They gave special attention to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

28--Senior Patrol Leader Anthony Michael Pennick, of Littleport who is a member of the 1st Soham (Grammar School) Scout Troop received his Queen's Badge at a special ceremony held in Soham Grammar School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pennick, of Lloyds Bank House. Littleport.

Three local Youths were bound over for twelve months at Ely Magistrates' Court for unruly behaviour during midnight mass at St. George's Church on Christmas Day.

## March. 1963

1--County Youth Festival of Dancing held at Wisbech. Groups from the Martin School gained one first class and two second class certificates.

Annual service in connection with the Women's World Day of Prayer held at St. John's Methodist schoolroom.

Annual meeting of Littleport Parent-Teacher Association. Miss M. Davy (headmistress) thanked parents and friends for their generous support of the Autumn Fair which raised £111 for school funds.

News received of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hendley, wife of the late Doctor P.A. Hendley, formerly of Littleport.

A former local resident, P.c. Leslie Chapman, serving with the Kent Constabulary at Maidstone, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Chapman, of Hempfield Place.

2--Teams from the Ely & District Boy Scouts' Association took part in the preliminary round of the Stratton Ambulance Competition at the Martin School. The winners were the Martin School "A" team.

5--Meeting of Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute. Nurse Smith, of Littleport, gave an account of the work being done in Nyasaland by Nurse Biart, formerly of Littleport

6--Littleport's wonderful old lady, Mrs. Alice Kent, of 27, City Road celebrated her 102nd birthday.

10--Mr. Ben Sutton, of Cardiff, commenced a series of addresses at the Gospel Hall. His subject was "The second coming of Christ"

**!!!** 11--Pupils of the Martin School competed in the junior version of "I packed my bag" at the Anglia Television Studios, Norwich. Matched against Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester Secondary School, they emerged victorious, gaining 107 marks against 76 by their opponents.

12--Messrs. Clarke's (Littleport) Ltd., the well known clothiers, presented a fashion show at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, The compere was Mr. D. Jefferson.

13--Members of the Mothers' Union and the Young Wives' group attended a combined service at the Parish Church. The speaker was the Rev. E. B. Wood, Vicar of St. Matthew's. It was his first official visit to the church.

15--Death, at Norwich, of Mr. William Kennedy, former superintendent at the Grange Convalescent Home. He was 71.

Littleport British Legion Band's annual darts tournament held at the Constitutional Hall. The Challenge Shield was won by Littleport's George Scott.

Engagement announced between Mr. Melvyn Mann, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mann, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Anne Chambers, of Cambridge.

Dr. David Kerridge, of Littleport, and a former pupil at Soham Grammar School, was appointed to one of the newly created fellowships at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, which will shortly become the University's newest College. Dr. Kerridge will become the College's Assistant Director of research in biochemistry.

16--Marriage, at St. John's Church, Cambridge, of Mr. John Firby, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Firby, of High Street, Littleport, and Miss Inys Carter, of Cambridge.

Final of the Scouts' Stratton Ambulance Competition held at Ely. The Martin School Troop were runners-up.

17--Death, at the age of 81, of Mrs. Frances Strawson of Southery, a former well known Littleport resident. She was the wife of Mr. A. E. Strawson and lived for many years at Grange Lane.

18--The combined Wisbech and Littleport Male Voice Choirs and the Littleport Ladies' Choir presented a concert at the Martin School.

19--Meeting of the Amalgamated Friendly Societies Charities Committee. The sum of £109 4s. 7d. was distributed to various organisations.

20--British Legion Women's Sections' group meeting held at Fordham. The Readhead standard bearer's trophy was presented to Mrs. T. Sallis, of Littleport, winner for the second year in succession.

21--P.c. Evison, of Littleport, gave a talk on road safety to children of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove.

22--Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ely, between Miss Doris Atkin, of Ely, and Mr. Derek Burling, son of Mrs. Burling of Friar's Way, Littleport, and the late Mr.



Burling.

Death, at Cambridge, of Mr. Heber Hopkins, a former Littleport resident. Aged 69, he was a member of an old and respected Littleport family and prior to being transferred to Cambridge, was employed as a goods clerk at Littleport Station.

23--Wedding, at Ely Register Office, between Miss Eunice Lee, granddaughter of Mrs. E. E. Lee, of Black Horse Drove, and Mr. Raymond Lennie, of Ely.

Littleport and District Motor Cycle and Light Car Club's annual dinner. The star guests were grass-track rider Arthur Stuffins and scrambler Freddy Mayes.

25--For the first time since its recent dedication the newly-restored Lady Chapel at the Parish Church was used for services connected with Lady Day.

**!!!** Annual meeting of Littleport Town Cricket Club. It was reported that Charlie Whitle, who had scored an aggregate of 884 runs the previous season (a club record) was leaving the Club.

29--Mr. and Mrs. Philip Starling. of Friars Place, were notified that their daughter Jean, had succeeded in passing her state finals (S.R.N.) in nursing at St.Heliers Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.

30--Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Southery, between Miss Elizabeth Thornton, only daughter of Mr, and Mrs. A. J. Thornton, of Westgate Street, Southery (formerly of Littleport) and Doctor David Arey, of Cipton, York.

Mr. Jack Barclay, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barclay, of Ely Road, Littleport, was married at St, Mary's Church, Ely, to Miss Connie Robertson, of Ely.

30--Marriage, at Ely Methodist Church, between Miss Myrtle Cross, of Ely, and Mr. Alan Hodson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hodson, of Longfield Road. Littleport.

## April. 1963

3--"Slimming and how to preserve the figure" was the subject of a talk given by Mrs, Shell, an expert on slimming foods. The occasion was a meeting of the British Legion Women's Section.

Marriage at Debrecen, Hungary. of Dr. David Kerridge, of Cambridge, son of the late Mr. E. M. Kerridge and Mrs. Kerridge, of Littleport. to Miss Fruzsina Mocsary. of Debrecen.

4--John Taylor, a Member of the Martin School Scout Troop, was awarded the

Queen's Scout Badge. the highest award a scout can gain. Other awards were made to P. Easy, L. Partridge W. Wilkinson, W. Shay. J. Porter and R. King.

9--By a vote of 14-1. with two abstentions, the annual parish meeting at Littleport passed a resolution deploring the action of Ely Rural District Council in proposing to provide new office accommodation at Ely, Last month the R.D.C., by a majority of one vote, approved the £22,000 first part of a scheme costing £47,000 in all.

10--Engagement announced between Miss Sylvia Johnson, of Ely, and Mr. Tony Smutok, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Smutok, of Friars Place, Littleport.

A grand birthday party marked the seventh anniversary of the Over Sixties Club.

12--Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bumpstead, of Victoria Street, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Ann, to Mr, Edward Pitt, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

16--Meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. Mrs, G. Law was congratulated on her election to the County Executive Committee.

17--Meeting of the Littleport and Downham District Internal Drainage Board. A total rate of 22s. 3d in the £ was levied, an increase of 2s. 3d.

A dinner for members of the British Legion Band. formerly an annual occasion, was highly successful.

Littleport Wheelers Cycling Club held their first evening time-trial of the year when a ten-mile event was run over the Littleport-Welney course

20--Mr. Richard Woodburn of the Crescent. Littleport, retired after a career on the railways lasting 46 years. A presentation was made to Mr. Woodburn at Ely Station to mark the occasion.

24---Annual meeting of Littleport Angling Club. A successful season was reported although prolonged and severe frost had made it the shortest on record.

25--Death of Mr. Philip Fulcher. of Harold Farm, Fordham, Downham Market. a former resident of Littleport. He was 79.

25--Annual meeting of Black Horse Drove Cricket Club. It was reported that Ted Trower had topped both batting and bowling averages the previous season.

26--Dedication of the Parish Church restored organ by the Vicar, Rev. Canon J. K. C, Payne. To mark the occasion an opening recital was given by Dr. Arthur Wills, organist of Ely Cathedral.

28--St. John's Methodist Church anniversary celebrated. The minister, Rev. J. R. Lusty. was the preacher.

A crowd of 4,500 saw the most exciting Fenland Trophy Scramble ever staged by the Ely and District Motor Cycle Club on the Old Bank. Roy Hartop won the Fenland Trophy by inches over rival Jim Airn.

29--A verdict of suicide was recorded at an inquest on a 31 year old milk roundsman, whose body was found hanging from a beam in the Co-operative Society depot at Littleport, where he worked. The dead man was George Desmond Ely, formerly of Padnal Road, Prickwillow, who latterly lived with his mother at Black Horse Drove.

## May.1963

!!! 1--Children of Black Horse Drove, with their decorated coach and May Queen, toured the village singing traditional May Day Songs.

Mrs. E. Benstead, of Marina Bungalow, Wisbech Road, collected £5 for the Marie Curie Foundation which is concerned in cancer research. Mrs. Benstead is 78.

3--Mr. E. P. Camp, of Hoof Close, was appointed Captain of the Littleport company the Boys' Brigade as a successor to Mr D.Quigley.

Miss Marjorie Porter, a well known local soprano, was awarded the Knowles Trophy at the recent Cambridge Music Festival. Miss Porter, who is a member of the Littleport Ladies' Choir was placed first in the folk song class.

Recent collections in Littleport for the British Empire Cancer Campaign realised £52 17s. 2d. The collections were organised by Mrs, W, J. Gill. president of the Women's Institute, and carried out by institute members.

Mr, and Mrs. T, Ambrose. of City Road, Littleport, announced the engagement of their youngest son, Richard, to Miss Phyllis Knight, of Southery.

4-Cricket--Littleport Town gave a pathetic display of batting in their opening match against Mildenhall Town on Highfield, the visitors winning by seven wickets.

7--Isle of Ely Music Festival--The ladies' folk song class was won by Marjorie Porter, of Littleport.

8--At a meeting of the Ely Rural District Council, by a majority of 9--7, members reconsidered a decision taken previously to build the £22,000 first part of the £47,000 new offices scheme. It was decided to defer consideration until after the

next Council elections in 1964.

Presentation of prizes at the Ex-Servicemen's Club. Winners: Hilton Luddington Billiards Cup, J. Pettitt; Percy Crabb Billiards Cup, B. Law; Snooker Cup, R. Black; Darts, F. Baker.

9--The Isle of Ely Education Committee approved the building of a rural science laboratory at the Martin School at a cost of £1,780.

10--Annual Boys' Brigade inspection, display and prizegiving. Tribute was paid to W./O. Roy Benstead for his great efforts in holding the Company together while they were without a captain. He was to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

County Music Festival--Kathleen Southall and Christine Murfitt both of Littleport, were awarded first places in the junior descant recorder class and novice descant recorder class respectively.

Engagement announced between Mr. Philip Dinnage, of Hale, Cheshire, and Miss Doreen Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flanders Morton, of Little Ouse.

Isle of Ely Music Festival--Singing in the musical comedy class, Littleport's Marjorie Porter was awarded the Wisbech Operatic Society Trophy for gaining top marks.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Council meeting. The secretary-treasurer (Mr. R. B. Thurlow) revealed a debit balance in the finances of £7 2s. 7d.

11--Isle of Ely Music Festival--Littleport Ladies' Choir were awarded the Phillis Thompson Memorial Trophy. A further success was gained by a Ladies' Choir from the Martin School.

A jumble sale organised by members of the Women's Fellowship realised £23 1s. 0d. for the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind.

Isle of Ely Music Festival, final concert--Littleport British Legion Band gained first and second places in their class and were awarded the Beryl Salt Trophy.

Isle of Ely Federation of Women's Institutes' exhibition of handicrafts held at Wisbech. Much admired were the lamp shades which had recently won for Mrs. J. Gilbert, of Littleport, her national proficiency test certificate. In the embroidery class a gold star was awarded to Mrs. D. Eastwood.

14--Master Sgt. Leutz, of the U.S.A.F., was the special speaker at a meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. His subject was "Polio".

17--Littleport Ladies' Choir, conducted by Mrs. C. R. Browning, were placed first in the open class for ladies' choirs at the Hitchin Festival.

17--A coffee evening held at the Vicarage and organised by the Church Young Wives' Group in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, yielded £15.

20--An "At Home", arranged by Mrs. H. Padget at the Salvation Army Hall, was to assist a young member of the Corps, Miss Diane Cole, a candidate for officership, to raise the £20 necessary for her admittance to training college. £12 3s. 0d. was raised.

21--Football-Cambs. Junior Cup Final at Stretham--Waterbeach defeated Littleport by 8 goals to 2.

24--Mothers' Union Deanery Festival celebrated at the Parish Church.

It was revealed that Mr. J. C. Payne, son of Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne and Mrs. Payne, of Littleport, had been admitted to the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem as a Serving Brother, He is Assistant Commissioner in the British South Africa Police, Southern Rhodesia.

Recent house-to-house collections in Littleport for the Red Cross amounted to £55 2s. 4d.

I. R. Sloan, of 80, Parsons Lane, Littleport, passed the examination for entry into the Royal Navy as an artificer apprentice and joined H.M.S Fisguard, the artificer training establishment at Torpoint, East Cornwall, for five years' training. He was educated at Martin School, Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Timbers, of Letter "F" Farm, announced the engagement of their daughter, Lily, to Mr. Brian Nottage of Prickwillow.

25--At the Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Show, held at Newton Hall Park, Mr. Harry Murfitt, of Littleport, received an award for long service to a single employer. He had been employed by Mr. F. G. Starling for 44 years.

St. John's Methodist Church garden fete raised over £81. The event was opened by Miss G. L. Gotobed, of King's Lynn, and formerly of Littleport.

26--Death, at her Hunstanton home, of Miss Florence Lee, a former headmistress of the local Infants' School.

27--Annual meeting of the Littleport and Prickwillow Nursing Association. It was reported that the District Nurses had made no less than 6,648 visits during the year.



28--Women's Institute annual outing to Coventry. The highlight was a visit to the new Cathedral.

29--Grave concern was expressed at a meeting of Littleport Parish Council, Unknown hooligans had completely wrecked the toilets and shelter on the playing field.

!!! At a meeting of the Isle of Ely County Council, Coun. J. H. Martin spoke of the strong feeling in Littleport that, with more pressing needs, money should not be spent on the provision of a new fire station for the village.

Meeting of the Parish Council, The Council were asked by the Swimming Pool Fund Committee to accept permanent trusteeship of the proposed pool. A motion to this effect was lost.

30--A firm of pattern makers organised a mannequin parade at the Martin School. Senior girls acquitted themselves admirably as fashion models. They were Jacqueline Simper, Sally Downs, Verna Flack, Linda Lee, Ruth Wilkinson, Camellia Clift and Patricia Horton.

31--The Duke of Edinburgh watched boys of the Martin School, with their instructor Mr. C. R. Browning, sailing on the River Nene at Peterborough. His visit was in connection with his Award Scheme.

Engagement announced between Miss Hazel Smith, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, of City Road, Littleport, and Mr. Daniel Pilsworth. of Cambridge.

An appeal to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by Mr. W. J. Murfitt, of Littleport against the Isle of Ely County Council's refusal for permission for retention of a pig shed on land at 80, Victoria Street, was successful.

## June. 1963

1--Boys' Brigade annual fete opened by the Rev, E. B. Wood, Vicar of St. Matthew's. Proceeds amounted to £84 8s. 6d.

3--Members of the British Legion Band wore their new uniforms for the first time. They were taking part in a carnival held at Soham.

4--Meeting of Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute. A presentation was made to Mrs. G. H. Robbins on behalf of members in appreciation of the help she had given to the Institute during her stay at Little Ouse, Captain and Mrs. Robbins were shortly leaving for Nuneaton.

5--Ten candidates were confirmed at the Parish Church by Bishop G. Walsh.

Members of the Women's Fellowship Club were thanked for the sum of £23 donated to the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind.

!!! 6--The roof of Messrs. J. H Adams & Sons' ironmongery shop in the Main Street was struck by lightning, and a fire resulted. It was quickly extinguished by the local fire service.

The fifteenth birthday party of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute was celebrated in the Community Centre. The over sixties of the village were the guests of honour.

7--Engagement announced between Miss Priscilla Harmer, of Thurston, and Mr. Mervyn Haystead, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Haystead, of Millfield, Littleport.

8--Marriage, at Dunfermline, Fyfe, Scotland, between Petty Officer E.R.A. Robert Gordon Smith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith, of High Street, Littleport, and Miss Margaret Scott, of Dunfermline.

Collections in Littleport realised £38 for the National Children's Home.

Mrs. S. P. Audus opened the local Salvation Army Corps. garden fete. The proceeds were £83 5s.0d,

9--Captain G. H. Robbins preached his farewell address to the congregation at Black Horse Drove.

10--Annual enrolment of cadets to the Littleport Detachment of the Red Cross. Their officer, Mrs, E. Thorpe, spoke with regret of the illness of their Commandant, Mrs. H. Rowell.

11--Monthly meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. The speaker was Mrs. C. Edwards, who spoke on the life of Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer.

12--Annual meeting of Ely Rural District Council. Councillor Sneesby of Wilburton, was elected to the chairmanship, an office held by Councillor H. K. Cross, of Littleport, for the past five-years.

14--The following pupils of Littleport County Primary School succeeded in passing the 11 plus examination:--

Boys--To Soham Grammar School--A. Baker, B. Butcher G. Carter, A. Constable, P. Easy, P. Frost, M. Newton, L. Partridge, T. Lawrence. To Ely King's School--W. Wilkinson

Girls--To Ely High School--P. Beard, A. Berry, S. Brown M. Chamberlain, P.

Clarke, G. Harrison, C. Nicholas, S. Tassell.

Richard Murfitt, a pupil of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, succeeded in passing the 11 plus examination.

15--Marriage, at Haddenham. between Miss Gillian Shaw, of Haddenham, and Mr. Gordon Cornwall, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cornwall, of Black Horse Drove.

Parish Church garden fete held on the Vicarage lawn was opened by Mrs. C. R. Browning. Proceeds were £170.

16--Members of the Boys' Brigade, the Life Boys and Red Cross cadets, attended a youth service held at the Independent Chapel.

18--Fifteen residents of the Victoria Street area of Littleport wrote objecting to an appeal by Mr. Levi King in connection with a proposed 2 1/2 acre extension to his caravan site off Victoria Street, heard at Ely Shire Hall. All complained about the untidy state of the existing site and the behaviour of the occupants.

21--Mrs. Green, of Chelmsford, an expert on rose growing, was the demonstrator at a meeting of the Flower Arrangement Club.

Engagement announced between Mr. Anthony Hatton, youngest son of Mrs. Thornhill, of 14, The Crescent, Littleport, and Miss Josephine Leonard, of Ely.

Miss Joyce Laws, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laws, of Cambridge and formerly of 2, Wisbech Road, Littleport, was recently married at Luton Register Office to Mr. R. Thompson, Of Luton.

22--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Mepal, between Mr. David Machin, of Mepal, and Miss Christine Howe, second daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Howe, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport.

22--Annual championships of the Cambridgeshire Schools' Athletic Association held at March. R. Bowles, of the Martin School, won the high jump for junior boys. He was afterwards selected for the team to represent Cambridgeshire Schools in the national championships in July.

28--The award of the A. D. Marchant Shield was made to Black Horse Drove Methodist Sunday School at a youth rally held at Feltwell. The school had gained most marks in a recent Methodist Youth Department Scripture examination.

Miss Doris Strawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Strawson, of Millpit Furlong, Littleport, obtained a B.A. honours degree, second class, in history, at the University

of Hull.

29--Marriage, at St. Michael's Church, Aslacton, near Norwich, of Miss Beryl Bates, of Aslacton, and Mr. David Smith, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith, of Station Road, Littleport.

Members of the Mothers' Union joined Canon and Mrs. Payne in a farewell presentation to Captain and Mrs, G. H. Robbins.

30--Captain G. H. Robbins, Church Army Evangelist, preached his farewell sermon at St. John's Church, Little Ouse, and thanked his parishioners for their farewell gift of £25. Captain and Mrs. Robbins were leaving for duties at Nuneaton.

## July. 1963

1--Presentation at the Martin School of the Red Cross centenary film "Across the Street--Across the World"

3--A record entry of 59 youngsters took part in Littleport Angling Club's children's match. Results: Seniors--1, R. Coulson; 2, J. Loveday; 3, A. Feltwell. Juniors--1, J. Butcher; Michael Angel; 3, Miss A. Shipp.

!!! The Isle of Ely County Fire Brigades Committee decided that the cost of acquiring the old gas works site in Littleport for a fire Station was too great.

Primary School infants sports day. Sister Railton presented the awards.

4--First meeting of the newly formed Red Cross Members' Group. Mrs. R, Sivell was elected as leader.

5--Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Rutter, of Ely, Born at Littleport, she moved to Clacton about forty years ago before returning to the district at Ely. She was 85.

Annual sale of work organised by members of St. James' Chapel, Burnt Fen, was opened by Mrs. J, K, C. Payne, of Littleport.

7--The Bishop of Mashonaland, whose home is in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, preached at the Parish Church.

Mr. Anthony Goff, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Goff, of New Road, Littleport, was recently married at Bury St. Edmunds, to Miss Wendy Cornish, of Bury St. Edmunds.

8--The Bishop of Mashonaland was a guest at a Mothers' Union supper held at the

Parish Hall.

!!! 10--Miss E. A. Crabb, of Silt Road, was the guest of the management of Messrs. Hope Brothers at the firm's head office in London where she was presented with a television set and a cheque. The presentation was in recognition of her sixty years of unbroken service, the longest number on record that an employee had been with the firm.

Primary School Sports--The cup for the girl champion went to Anne Berry and for the boy champion to Martin Paul.

!!! 12--The County Planning Officer presented the Village Development Map for Littleport at a special meeting of the Parish Council. Members were seriously perturbed to see that some three acres at Highfield were marked down for residential development

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Elsegood, of 3rd Willow Row Farm, Ten Mile Bank, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Valerie, to Mr. John White, of Grays, Essex.

!!! Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wright received an invitation to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Mrs. Frances Drake left Littleport to join her son Derek in Victoria Australia.

!!! Because of the latest outbreak of vandalism, the Parish Council decided to brick up the shelter on the Parish Playing Field, and to have the broken windows in the adjoining toilets replaced with iron bars.

13--Marriage, at Bridgend, Glamorgan, of Mr. John Roberts, of Bridgend, and Miss Jean Atkinson, She is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Atkinson, of Littleport.

14--Alfie Green won the Roach Tankard match organised by Littleport Angling Club. This followed his first place in the Hunt Cup the previous week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Youngs, of Longfield Road, Littleport, announced the engagement of their daughter Maxine, to Mr. Paul Fletcher, of Pymoor.

Mrs. Ethel Walker returned to this country from Canada to visit her friends and relations in Littleport and district. She is the twin daughter of Mr, and the late Mrs. J. Cole, of Lynn Road. She married Mr. Harry Walker, then serving with the Canadian forces in this country, 17 years ago and has 11 children.



15--Speech day at the Martin School. The headmaster, Mr. C. R. Browning, reported that 12 pupils had shared 26 "O" level and one "A" level G.C.E. successes.

Death, at Caister, of Mrs. H. Tuffs, a former resident of Littleport. Aged 88 years, Mrs. Tuffs was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor, of Wisbech Road.

Attending an examination class held in connection with the Royal Life Saving Society at Ely Swimming Pool, Karen Evison, of Littleport, succeeded in gaining the Society's Intermediate Certificate and Bronze Medallion.

20--Marriage, at Chertsey, Surrey, between Mr. Geoffrey Eastwood B.Sc., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastwood, of Lynn Road Littleport, and Miss Patricia Kinver, B.A., of Chertsey.

20--Bowls--Bert Wilson and Alan Vinal, of Littleport, won the John Clarke Pairs Trophy after beating last year's winners E. Thulborn and H. Bidwell (Haddenham) in the final.

Soham Grammarian George Willett, of Littleport, put his way into fifth position of the intermediate boys' shot event at the English Schools Athletics championships at Chelmsford.

21--Feast Sunday--Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Annual Church Parade--The challenge cup for the best decorated vehicle went to the Littleport Red Cross entry. Over £120 was collected for local charities.

23--Open Day and prizegiving at the Primary School. The Leggett prize for the best all rounders went to M. Newton and S. Brown, and football badges for boys who represented the Isle at Cambridge were presented to B. Harley, G. Bell and B. Butcher.

27--Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society's 74th annual show Favoured by brilliant sunshine, the show proved to be the best supported for many years, about 4,000 people attending.

Marriage, at Kingswood Baptist Church, Watford, of Mr. Herbert Trower, of Hale Fen, Littleport, and Mrs. Jean Capper, of Watford.

29---Funeral, at Littleport, of Mrs. Evelyn Drummond Robinson, of Bridport. Aged 86, she was a member of an esteemed Littleport family, being the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, and sister of the late Mr. Horace Martin and Mr. Heber G. Martin.

30--Cricket-Kirkland Cup final--Littleport defeated Little Downham, by 32 runs.

## August. 1963

!!! 2--Plunging into the River Ouse at Littleport, 15 year old Robert Michael Hutchings, of White House Farm, Little Ouse, saved two children, a boy and a girl, from drowning. The boy though apparently dead, was kept alive by Robert who applied the "kiss-of-life" method of artificial respiration.

A Japanese radish, grown by Mr. C. B. Carinum. of Friars Way measured 16 inches in length.

7--Meeting of the British Legion Women's Section. Mrs. Betty Pilkington gave a demonstration on flower arrangements.

10--Marriage at Needham Market between Mr. Edward Harris, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Fay Perfect, of Needham Market.

Isle of Ely Canine Society's limited show held at Whittlesey. Gayfield Grey Night, a bearded collie, exhibited by Mrs. J. M. Spall, of Littleport won for her the Gay Challenge Cup for the best puppy in the show.

11--The meeting at the Salvation Army Hall was conducted by local Miss Diane Cole, now training in London for a Salvation Army officership.

11--The British Legion Band journeyed to Fleet, in Lincolnshire where they presented a concert at Hovenden House, one of the Group Captain Cheshire Homes for the disabled. Mr. Derek Crane, a member of a local family, is resident there.

13--Monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. The President (Mrs. W. J. Gill) spoke with high regard of the late Mrs. Edna Law who had been an esteemed and loyal member.

14--About 80 of Littleport's over seventies were the guests of the Women's Institute at a tea party held in the Constitutional Hall. Mrs. Alice Kent, aged 102, was present.

17--Mr. Keith Dolby, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dolby of Ely Road formerly of Littleport, was married at St. Mary's Church to Miss Glenys Fuller, of Ely.

!!! 25--A street procession of decorated floats and three bands followed by a united service in the Parish Church marked the opening of Littleport's Carnival Week in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund.

27--The Rev. John Lusty, Mrs, Lusty and their two small sons left the village to take up a new appointment at Bedford after four years as Methodist Minister at Littleport.

30--Engagement announced between Miss Teresa Green, of Little Downham, to Mr. Peter Speed, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Speed, of Millpit Furlong, Littleport.

31--Last day of Littleport Carnival Week, Following a full programme of entertainment at Highfield and a torchlight procession to Ponds Hill, the week closed with dancing to the "Valiants" and the announcement of the winners in the mammoth prize draw

## September. 1963

1--The new Methodist Minister, the Rev. Alma Loades, preached her first sermon at St. John's Methodist Church. He was previously at Port Talbot where he served as chaplain to the Port Talbot Steel Works.

5--Tragic death of Mr. Harry Nicholas. of Friar's Way, Littleport. He was killed in a collision with a lorry while riding his bicycle in Station Road. He was 51

Circuit meeting of the Methodist Church held at Ely. It was announced that Mr. E. Youngs of Littleport, an enthusiastic church worker and local preacher, had left the circuit.

Bowls--A quartet of bowlers from the Littleport branch of the British Legion were beaten by March in the final of the Cambs and Isle of Ely British Legion tournament. They were W. Leggett, C. Baker, A. W. Thompson and A. C. See

7--Mr. Maurice Tuck, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Tuck, of Longfield Road, Littleport, was married at St. Leonard's Church, Little Downham, to Miss Marion Covell, of Little Downham.

10--A grand party at the Constitutional Hall marked Littleport Women's Institute's 41st birthday.

12--Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Linaweaver, with their three children, arrived at Black Horse Drove from California. U.S.A., to visit Mrs Linaweaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilding.

13--It was revealed that receipts from Littleport's Carnival Week totalled £526.

14--Marriage at St. Peter's Church, Prickwillow, between Miss Lilian Timbers, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Timbers, of Letter "F" Farm, Mildenhall Road, Littleport, and Mr. Brian Nottage, of Prickwillow.

Annual garden fete in aid of Black Horse Drove Community Centre realised £60. It was opened by Mrs, Graves.

Over Sixties' Club held their autumn fair. It was opened by Mrs. F, G. Starling and the proceeds were £104 5s. 0d.

19--The Vicar (Rev. J. K. C. Payne) spoke of the great part flowers play in our lives. The occasion was a special festival service held in the Parish Church which marked the last day of a three-day floral festival at the Church, The proceeds for the organ fund amounted to £133.

!!! 17--Mr. George Law, of Hoof Close, landed 60 lbs. of fish in an hour's fishing in the Delph at Welney. Using a small perch spinner he landed six pike between 7 and 12 lbs. and perch between 1 and 2 1/2 lbs.

19--A harvest sale, organised by members of the Ex-Servicemen's Club in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund, realised £16 2s. 6d.

20--Wedding, at St. James' Church, Cambridge, between Miss Elizabeth Chambers, of Cambridge, and Mr. Melvyn Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mann, of Victoria Street, Littleport.

The Little Ouse and Brandon Bank annual fete was opened by Mr. B. G. Wright, of Littleport. The event realised £133.

!!! It was revealed that Mr. George Turner, of Home Farm, Littleport, believed to be the only maker of corn "dollies" left in this area, receives an annual order from Wales for a dozen shepherds' crooks. Mr. Turner's artistic work with straw has been exhibited in King's Lynn Art Gallery. His "dollies" have been sent as far as Australia.

22--Independent Chapel Sunday School prize giving. The awards were presented by Mr. F, G. Crisp, secretary of the Zambesi Mission

Local cricketer, Billy Duffin, was presented with a voucher for sports equipment at Ely Beet Sugar Factory. The award was in recognition of his feat in topping the Factory team's batting averages.

!!! Firemen W, F. Ingle and G. S. Murfitt from the Littleport fire station took part in a large scale fire fighting exercise in London's West India and Millwall Docks.

!!! 25--Meeting of Littleport Parish Council--The National Association of Multiple

Grocers wrote asking the Council to rescind the existing early closing order. This would enable grocers to choose their own early closing day and, if they desired, institute a five-day week. The Council, on being advised they had no power to rescind the order, agreed to recommend to the County Council that traders have freedom of choice over early closing.

27--The Fenland Singers, under their conductor Miss Catherine Baxter, presented a recital at the Martin School.

28--Marriage, at Benhilton, Sutton, Surrey, between Miss Jean Starling twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Starling, of Friar's Place, Littleport, and Mr. Michael Sanders, of Wimbledon.

29--In his sermon at the Parrish Church, the Vicar, Rev. Cannon J.K.C. Payne, spoke of his Jubilee as a priest (50 years) and made public thanksgiving for his long ministry, and for the help of God in fulfilling it.

Home League week-end was celebrated at the Salvation Army Hall. Three Salvationists from Middlesborough were the special visitors.

A London woman received serious burns in a fire which destroyed her week-end chalet home at Red Cow Drove, Littleport. She was Mrs. Girbow, of Walthamstow.

Presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngs at St. John's Methodist Church. Members of the church for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Youngs had left the village to take up residence near Wisbech.

Sixteen candidates were confirmed by Bishop Walsh at St. Matthew's Church.

## October.1963

1--The Isle of Ely Education Committee granted a Major Scholarship to Gerald Starling, of Littleport.

2--Littleport British Legion Women's Section annual general meeting and harvest service. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Wood, Vicar of St. Matthews'.

!!! 4--After sixty years of service at Messrs. Hope Bros.' Factory, Miss E. A. Crabb, of Silt Road, retired. To mark the esteem in which she was held the presentation of a handsome eight day chiming clock was made to her by the manager, Mr. W. Pratt, and members of the factory.

5--Littleport Women's Institute's "Dutch Fair" opened with a grand parade through the streets headed by the British Legion Band. The members, attired in the national,



dress of Holland, were watched by admiring crowds. Receipts, totalling £155, were for the over seventies party and W.I. funds.

6--Mr. Rex Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, was married at Christ Church, Cambridge, to Miss Angela Carse, of Cambridge.

7--Police constable Donald Hills, stationed at Wisbech, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was posted to Littleport in November, 1941, and following demobilisation from the army in 1946. returned to Littleport until 1949.

9--Members of St. George's Young Wives' Group travelled to Newmarket to the home of Mrs. D. Quigley, a former member, where a happy evening was spent with members of the Newmarket Young Wives' Group.

9--Two Littleport tenants of Council houses were severely reprimanded by Ely Rural District Council for grossly understating their income when applying for rent rebates.

**!!!** In his report to Ely Rural District Council the surveyor recommended that negotiations be begun for the acquisition of 21 1/2 acres south of Victoria Street, Littleport, all within the residential zone area on the parish development map.

11--Engagement announced between Barbara, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs, R. Osler, of Ten Mile Bank Road, Littleport, and Neville, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Murfitt, of Saffron Close, Littleport.

13--The Rev. Peter Sutton preached at the Parish Church.

Angling--Five representatives of Littleport Angling Club were members of the Isle of Ely team competing in the six countits match fished at Offord, Hunts. They were A. Shipp, f. Goldmith, M. Handley, R. Angel and J. Calladine. The team finished fourth.

16--Dr. Douglas Fox, a former organist of Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, gave an organ recital at the Parish Church.

**!!!** 17--Annual meeting of Littleport British Legion Band. The bandmaster (Mr. G. Elsegood) spoke of poorly attended practices and urged the bandsmen to "pull up their socks" and get back to what they were a few years ago.

18--Mr. and Mrs. W, Halford, of Burnt Fen, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Wendy, to Harvey, younger son of Mr. and Mrs, S. Hines, of Friar's Place, Littleport.

19--Littleport Primary School autumn fair. The proceeds amounted to £97.

25--Mr. and Mrs. L. Oxer of Ely, announced the engagement of their daughter Janet, to Stewart, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers, of Ely Road, Littleport.

!!! Census figures recently released revealed that the population of Littleport was 5,291 in 1961, an increase of 109 on the 1951 figure.

26--Marriage at March St. Peter's Church, between Miss Evelyn Diggle, of March, and Mr. Charles Barber, first son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barber, of Victoria Street, Littleport.

26--Annual Missionary Conference at the Gospel Hall. Speakers were Mr. W. S. Barker, of Tobago. and Mr. H. M. Martin, of Tanganyika.

27- Members of Littleport Angling Club travelled to the Norfolk Broads to fish their Outing Trophy match. Arthur Shipp was the winner.

!!! 29--Fire destroyed a garage owned by Mr. Aubrey Neville, of Ely Road, Littleport. Mr. Neville, a bee-keeper, lost seven hives and most of his bees which were housed in the garage.

29--Miss Margaret Atkinson, recently returned from South India, was the speaker at a Fellowship meeting held at Victoria Street Methodist Church.

!!! 31 --Twenty-three motorists were fined a total of £1 15 at Ely Magistrates' Court for exceeding the speed limit in Ely Road, Littleport, on September 8th. The convictions were the sequel of a radar trap set up by the Police.

## November.1963

1--A recent flag day, organised by Mrs. T. B. Gordon in aid of the Royal Institute for the Blind, realised £20 10s. 9d.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thoday, of Victoria Street, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Eileen, to Mr. John Malkin, of Denver Sluice.

Engagement announced between Miss Carol Smith, of Southery, and Mr. Stanley Sykes second son of Mrs. Whitmore, of Wisbech Road, Littleport.

2--Visit to Littleport of the King's Lynn Salvation Army Band.

7--Annual meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. On the president's table

for the first time was a hand-embroidered tablecloth, the work of Mrs. John Skipper. She had embroidered each member's name on the cloth.

8--Annual meeting of Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club. An increase in membership of 115 was reported.

9--Members of the local British Legion Women's Section attended the Festival of Remembrance, held at the Albert Hall, London.

Littleport Bowls Club dinner and prize presentations. Awards were presented to the following members:--Club League Singles Championship for President's Cup, A. George; Club Pairs, P. Jackson and D. Miller; pairs open tournament for John Clarke Trophy, B. Wilson and A. Vinall; Ladies' Club Singles, Mrs. F. Firby; Ladies' Club Pairs, Mrs. B. Hawes and Mrs. F. Firby.

St. Matthew's Parish Church annual sale was opened by Mrs. D. Raleigh-King, of Ely. Proceeds amounted to £122.

10--Remembrance Sunday--Littleport's act of homage followed the customary pattern of an afternoon parade through the main streets, to the parish church of St. George, for a Service of Remembrance.

!!! Tribute was paid to a former Littleport musical personality, when a new mace was presented to the drum major of the British Legion Band in memory of the late Mr. Joe Hawkes, a founder-member of the band, and bandmaster for many years, who later became their president.

12--Women's Institute Members' night. A letter was read from the Australian Link at Briagalong, in which the writer gave particulars of activities at her branch of the Countrywomen's Association.

15--Mr. and Mrs. Cawthorne Murfitt. of Queen's Road, attending the recent El Alamein Re-union at the Albert Hall, London, were spoken to by Her Majesty the Queen Mother who wished them a happy evening.

17--Angling-A Littleport team comprising Albert Coleby, Bill Halford and Chas. Kitchen. were winners of Littleport Angling Club's Ousemen Shield, They beat some strong opposition including Whittlesey, Cambridge and Lowestoft teams.

It was revealed that the total Poppy Day collections in Littleport amounted to £262 14s. 10d. The collections were organised by Mrs, Ida Rowell.

St, John's Methodist Church Sunday School prizegiving. The presentations were carried out by Miss Margaret Atkinson, recently returned home from India.

20--Missionary Rally held at St. John's Methodist Schoolroom. Referring to missionary work in Littleport, the chairman said they were tremendously indebted to Miss Railton, the local secretary, who was doing so much for the cause, Littleport's contribution to the fund being extremely high.

22--Engagement announced between Sylvia, only daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Jephson and Mrs. Phillip Radcliffe, stepdaughter of Mr. Philip Radcliffe, of Ely, and formerly of Littleport, and Mr. Paul Williams, of Bristol.

23--Salvation Army annual Christmas Sale. The opener was Mrs. A. A. Loades, wife of the new Methodist minister. The proceeds were over £50.

25--66 members of Littleport Over Sixties' Club attended a performance of a play entitled "Book of the Month", at Ely. They were the guests of the Ely Amateur Dramatic Society.

29--A profit of £68 11s. 0d.--the first for many years--was reported at the annual meeting of Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society.

29--Miss Ann Fendick, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Fendick of Hempfield Place. was successful in passing the final State examination in nursing at the London Hospital.

30--An "Olde Worlde" Christmas fair organised by members of St. John's Methodist Church, realised £75. It was opened by Mrs. G. P. T. Peacock.

Salvation Army officer Major Reese and her assistant, Treasurer Townsend, conducted their farewell meetings at the Salvation Army Hall.

Thirty-five years of faithful and unbroken service to the Transport and General Workers' Union was recognised at Littleport in a pleasing ceremony at the Grange Convalescent Home. This was the presentation of the Union's long service gold medal to Mr, Alfred Warren, of 25, The Crescent, the retiring secretary of the local branch.

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