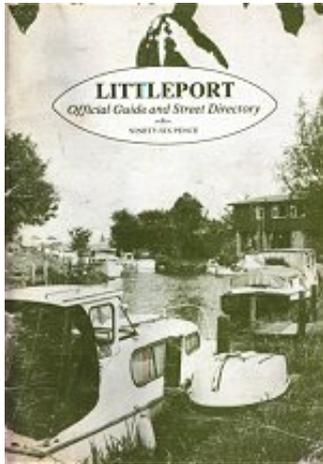


Items of Interest from the Years 1977-80



(taken from The Official Guide of 1981/82).
Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
Every care is taken to make the following list correct
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!!! Of interest in this issue is the 'saga' of a market in the village. An independent market was started on a Sunday in April 1977, just outside the village by the river. This proved very popular with the local villagers with over 5000 people turning up for the first one, however the Parish Council were not pleased as an application to hold a market in Littleport had been turned down just two months earlier. The organisers of the Sunday market were taken to court for infringing Sunday trading laws and the Parish Council looked into setting up their own market. After the court case the Sunday market re-opened as a 'shopping club' but it gradually got smaller and smaller until it stopped altogether. The weekly market that came out of this episode is still held every Tuesday in the carpark of the Crown public house.

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September 29th, 1977

1. The children of Littleport have at last received their Jubilee Crowns. The Silver Jubilee Queen, Heather Brown, visited the schools to help distribute the coins.
2. David Watson, 28, Woodfen Road, has won the title of top electronics apprentice of the year at Pye's training centre in Cambridge. David built a black and white television camera from scratch.
3. Mr. & Mrs. F. Brown, who have taken over the Black Horse Inn, plan to increase its Riverside attractions.

October 13th, 1977

1. The Rev. Hodgson, who has had to retire because of ill health, received a leather wallet containing £114, as a parting gift from his parishioners. The gift was presented at the Harvest Supper.
2. Messrs. Buckingham & Sparrow have purchased the premises known as Heygates and intend to convert it into flats.

October 20th, 1977

- !!!** 1. The Government have given assurance that the Ely and Littleport by-pass will be started in 1980, as scheduled.

October 29th, 1977

1. The Parish Council have turned down a proposal by the Village Hall Committee to develop part of the Playing Field as a Hall and Parking Area.
2. Mrs. E. Whitehand, Cook Supervisor at the Littleport C.P. School Canteen retired on October 21st, after almost thirty years service. She received numerous retirement gifts among them a picture, a barometer and a brooch from the School.

November 3rd 1977

1. Littleport has been designated for industrial development and included in an area of the Fens being given government aid.
2. After last week's discussions on the siting of a Village Hall on the Playing Field it was agreed at a meeting of the East Cambs District Council's Housing Services Committee that the piece of land fronting on to Parson's Lane could be sold to the Parish for this purpose.
3. To mark the tenth anniversary of their affiliation to the Royal School of Church Music, the Parish Church Choir presented "An Hour of Popular Items" to a United Congregation in the Parish Church on Sunday. The choir is unique in that its thirty-two members comprise only girls and men.

November 10th, 1977

- 1, The Silver Jubilee Appeal is to donate £150 to provide raised seating for the Swimming Pool at the Village College. The work is to be undertaken by young people from the village. The Littleport Jubilee Committee are to contribute a further £150. The Parish Council have offered to pay towards the cost of heating the pool in term time next year.

November 17th, 1977

- !!!** 1. During the National Firemen's Strike the part time firemen of Littleport have decided to continue to fight any fire in the Littleport area, much to the relief of all the people in the area.
2. The new Industrial Site designated for Littleport is to be situated between Wisbech Road and the proposed new bypass.

November 24th, 1977

1. The village learned with regret of the death on Saturday morning of Mrs. Florence Gordon, wife of Dr. T.B. Gordon.

December 8th, 1977

1. At a Public Meeting held in the Village College the villagers voted overwhelmingly in favour of a conversion plan for the Constitutional Hall. The other site was on the Playing Field.
- !!!** 2. A fourth form physics group at Littleport Village College blew up an experiment and emptied the College in two minutes!
3. On Wednesday the Annual Christmas Party of the Over Sixties Club was held in the Constitutional

Hall, when a hundred members sat down to a delicious tea.

December 15th, 1977

1. The Bishop of Ely has announced that the Rev. John Hunter Martin, at present Vicar of St. Anne's, Bermondsey, will become Priest in charge of Littleport St. George, St. Matthews and Little Ouse
2. The Churchwardens have received a letter from the Vicar of Ash in Kent asking for the return of a favour granted by that parish to Littleport in 1707. It appears that much of the village was destroyed by fire and parishes from all over the country sent donations. Ash sent 4s. 4d. and ask for a return of the favour to help repair the church bells.
3. Staff and scholars of the County Primary School shared the leading roles in the end of term production of "Peter Pan" presented to capacity audiences in the school hall last week.

January 6th, 1978

1. The Village Hall's Funds have been boosted by a donation of £34.30 from the Spade & Becket Public House -- the proceeds of a Lottery. A fund-raising lottery is to be arranged for July 29th for which 16,000 tickets will be printed.

January 12th, 1978

1. Forty sycamore trees, offered by Mr. John Day to the Parish Council, have been accepted and will be planted around the district.
2. Mr. Fred Watson and his son Rodney, active members of Littleport Cricket Club, were presented with a silver gallery tray and a pen and pencil set respectively, at the Plough & Harrow last night. The presenters were members of the club and the occasion was caused by the fact that Mr. Watson has a new job in Walthamstowe.

- !!! 3. Outline planning permission for a new vicarage has been granted.

January 19th, 1978

1. Violent storms hit the East Coast on Wednesday, January 11th, and exceptionally high tides caused heavy flooding along the coast. In Littleport electricity supplies were cut off for almost twelve hours.
2. Dawn Chambers was presented with the Littleport Pony Club's member of the year award last Friday.
3. Students from the Village College have been collecting the sycamore trees given to the Parish by Mr. John Day.

January 27th, 1978

1. A petition objecting to the siting of industrial premises off Wisbech Road was handed in to the Parish Council on Monday.

- !!! 2. A three man Sub-Committee has been set up to look at the lighting situation in the town. Many lights have been turned off by the County Council in the interest of economy.

3. Littleport's swimming pool will be opened and heated in the summer this year.
4. The Parish Council's budget for 1978-79 is down by £900 on last year.
5. Mr. Mike Thompson, proprietor of Station Garage, was co-opted to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council.

February 9th, 1978

1. Cambridgeshire's rates promise to be the fifth highest in the country this year.
2. Littleport Women's Institute Concert Party scored another outstanding success last week with their concert at the Village College.

February 16th, 1978

1. On Friday the 10th, the area had the coldest night for nine years. Between Friday and Sunday evening several inches of snow fell.
2. Three members of the Royal British Legion have been honoured with certificates of appreciation for putting "service before self". The certificates were presented to Mr. G. Pettitt, Mr. C. Barber and Mr. J. Harwood.

February 23rd, 1978

1. Two efforts have been made this week to raise money for the Village Hall Project. One, a Coffee Evening at Anchor Court, raised a grand total of £120.27p. The second raised £315 at a Cheese & Wine Evening held in the Constitutional Hall.
2. The Girl Guides & Brownies travelled to Little Downham on Sunday afternoon for a Thinking Day Service.

March 9th, 1978

1. Angry residents from Camel Road have joined with the District Council in trying to get Murfitt's Transport Firm moved from their road.
2. Swans, which at this time of the year have started the return journey to their breeding grounds in Siberia, have stayed at the Welney Wild Fowl Trust Reserve near Welney. This is causing serious feeding troubles to Mr. Josh Scott.

March 30th, 1978

- !!!** 1. The end of the Spring Term at Littleport County Primary School also marked the end of eleven years service by headmaster Mr. Darlington who has been appointed Head of Burrowmoor School at March. Mr. Darlington received many gifts.
2. Littleport's ailing Constitutional Hall is to receive another financial boost from the town's Parish Council, but the £150 grant - to be made in June - is the final grant which the Council will offer

April 12th, 1978

!!! 1. A freight train, loaded with sand, came off the rails just outside Littleport. Passengers had to be ferried by bus from Ely to Downham Market as yards of track were ploughed up.

April 13th, 1978

1. On Friday 7th, the Rev. John Hunter Martin was welcomed to the diocese, when he was licensed Priest in charge at St. George's, St. Matthews and St. Johns by the Bishop of Ely at a service in St. George's Church.
2. The Littleport haulage firm, Murfitt's Transport, have lost their Camel Road Appeal, and been given four months to move out.
3. Littleport pilot, Malcolm Robinson, died on Saturday, two days after his light aircraft crashed in a field near Grimsby.

April 20th, 1978

1. The official go ahead for the building of four factories has been given to Littleport.
2. Littleport Pony Club has excelled itself in the Qualifying Round for the Prince Philip Cup. The Final will be held at Wembley later in the year.

May 4th, 1978

1. Littleport Day Centre is about £120 better off after nine people held a sponsored "Knit-in" on Friday afternoon. This brings the total to £825 which will be used to furnish a room in the Constitutional Hall when renovation work there is complete.

May 11th, 1978

1. Floods swept the area over the week end after the heaviest rainfall for ten years, two inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours. Littleport escaped flooding thanks to the recent Flood Protection Scheme.

May 18th, 1978

1. At the Littleport Parish Council Meeting, Mr. Andrew Wright suggested the Council look into a Youth Employment Scheme in connection with river bank moorings between The Dock and Littleport Bridge.
2. Farmers are beginning to count the cost of lost crops after last week's flooding.
3. The fund raising efforts for the new Village Hall have reached £1,000 and further ventures are planned.
4. Councillor John Crane was re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. Mr. Heber Martin is Deputy Chairman.

May 25th, 1978

1. The new Headmaster of Littleport County Primary School is to be Mr. Philip Roberts of Burwell.
2. Littleport Band were placed second in the Premier Section of the East Anglian Brass Bands

Entertainment Contest.

3. Littleport Parish Council is to liaise with the Village College and local school to welcome the people of Kempen to the town in September.

July 6th, 1978

1. The pupils of the Littleport C.P. School handed over the proceeds of their Charity Week to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The Area Representative received a cheque for £154.14.

July 13th, 1978 1. On Sunday, July 9th, the atmosphere of the old Hospital Parades was recaptured when twenty floats and two Brass Bands paraded the village streets. A total sum of £360 was collected en route, this will be allocated to various village efforts.

July 20th, 1978

1. A Thanksgiving Service for the Centenary of the Church was held at St. Matthews on Sunday, July 16th. The Bishop of Ely preached the sermon.

2. Show Day, with its many traditions, was revived with outstanding success at Littleport on Saturday, July 15th. Mr. Clement Freud and Mr. William Rushton were guests of honour. Mr. John Martin was the President.

July 27th, 1978

1. Two well known teachers retired on Friday, July 21st. Miss I.M. Pollard who had taught in the Primary School for forty years and Mr. D. Speed, head of the Upper School at the Village College .

2. The Village Hall Committee have received a financial grant of £1,877 from the East Cambridgeshire District Council.

August 3rd, 1978

1. A further £900 was added to the Village Hall Fund on Saturday when a barbecue was held on the Main Street car park. The Fund now stands at £4,000.

2. A very high standard was achieved by exhibitors at the Horticultural Show last weekend. The Women's Institute held their own annual competition at the same time.

August 24th, 1978

1. The Littleport Pony Club Team have won through to the final of the Prince Philip Cup to be held at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley.

2. Littleport Parish Council organised a Swimming Gala at the local pool on Saturday. The John Crane Cup was won by James Grindling.

September 7th, 1978

1. Councillor Crabb is resigning from the Ely Rural District Council, after 13 years of membership.

September 21st, 1978

1. Littleport Parish Council are seeking a faculty to bring the memorial to the hanged Littleport Rioters from Ely to the Parish Church.
2. More help is to be hired by the Parish Council to clear up the village's unkempt cemetery.
3. Four ladies from Anchor Court have made a patchwork bedspread. This has been given to the Day Centre to help their funds.

October 12th, 1978

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1. Builders erecting two houses on land opposite the Plough & Harrow Public House in Ely Road unearthed skeletons. They were digging on a seventeenth century Quaker Burial Ground.
 2. A successful Flower Show, "Floravision", was presented by Littleport Flower Arrangement Club at the Village College over the week end.
 3. Littleport Pony Club finished fifth overall when competing at Wembley in the Horse of the Year Show.
 4. Mr. Keith Layn has taken the place of Mr. H. Crabb as Councillor on the East Cambridgeshire District Council.

October 26th, 1978

1. Lt. & Mrs. Nigel Reece in charge of Littleport and Soham Salvation Army Corps will be leaving on November 18th to take up a new appointment.
2. Guides of Littleport and Little Downham met on Saturday to compete for the District Challenge Cup. Winners of the Cup were Rose Patrol of Littleport.

November 2nd, 1978

1. A Halloween Celebration was held at the Constitutional Hall on October 31st. The proceeds were for the Village Hall Funds.
2. Georgina Housman has become Guardian of Gordonstoun School.

November 9th, 1978

1. Local bakeries have been working round the clock to "beat the bread strike" which began on Tuesday.

November 16th, 1978

1. Mr. & Mrs. J. Coleby of Littleport narrowly escaped death on Saturday when their car overturned into the ditch at Gilgal. They were helped to safety by Mr. Dick and Mr. David Kerridge.
2. Messrs. J.H. Martin & Son have had a very successful Year with their Friesian Herd. A Friesian bull has been sold for export to Russia where it will join six heifers from the same herd.
3. Headed by the Littleport Band a large parade of British Legion members, cubs, scouts, brownies and guides marched to a Remembrance Day Service on November 12th.

November 23rd, 1978

1. The Littleport Royal British Legion Women's Section have been awarded the Margaret Scott Efficiency Cup.
2. Littleport Parish Council is to more than double the parish precept to meet village budget for 1978/79. The precept is equivalent to a 2.9 penny rate.
3. The private bakers in the area are still coping with bread supplies in the third week of the strike.
4. Lieut. Chris Betteridge is the new Commanding Officer of the Littleport and Soham Salvation Army Corps.
5. Burberry's (Hope Bros.) have been commissioned to make a raincoat for Mrs. Carter, wife of the U.S.A. President. The firm already make raincoats for Royalty.

November 30th, 1978

1. The Littleport Band became Champions of the County at a contest held in Ely on Sunday.
2. A sponsored 'knit-in' raised £150 for Village Hall Funds.
3. The Poppy Appeal in the Village raised the record sum of £150.

January, 4th, 1979

1. New Year was the coldest since 1963. Snow and ice hampered travellers and ungritted roads made all travel hazardous.

January 18th, 1979

1. The lorry drivers' strike affected all shops and stores in the area this week.
2. Mr. John Martin, a member of the Martin farming family of Littleport, is to lead the County's 4,000 National Farmer's Union members during 1974.
3. Twenty five more allotments are to be provided on the Hempfield.
4. Littleport Pony Club member (16) has been made "member of the year" and on Friday was presented with the Frank Starling Cup.
5. Appeals are being made for corn or potatoes to feed the swans which are wintering on the Wash. Ten thousand pounds is needed to keep the swans through the bad weather.

February 1st, 1979

1. Another bitterly cold week. Saturday was probably the coldest night since 1963.
2. Many strikes are still causing trouble in the area, most concern hospitals and public service workers

February 8th, 1979

1. The Duke of Edinburgh visited Ely for the Laying Up Ceremony of the Grenadier Guards Colours on February 7th.
2. The British Skating Championships have been held on the Wash this week.
3. Over seventy employees of the Burberry Raincoat Factory, and their guests, spent an enjoyable evening at the Cambridgeshire Hotel, Barhill on Friday for their annual dinner & dance.

February 15th, 1979

!!! 1. Blizzard and violent storms have caused much trouble in the village. Drifts of two to three feet have formed in several places.

!!! 2. Plans by Littleport Crown Public House landlord, Mr. Phil Cross, to set up a small market in the Inn Car park each Tuesday have been thwarted by East Cambs District Council's Environmental Health Committee.

3. Plans for 1979 Littleport Show are already underway and the Show Day has been arranged for July 28th.

4. Nearly £3,500 has been raised by Littleport Village Hall Committee since its formation.

February 22nd, 1979

!!! 1. Artic weather conditions, sub-zero temperatures and wind blown drifting snow gripped the area in chaos last Thursday. Snow ploughs fought to keep roads open in the blizzard conditions as snow-drifts mounted Feet high cars were abandoned as motorists became marooned, and schools closed early.

2. The appeal fund for Littleport's new Day Centre, has reached its original target of £5000, but the organising committee has decided to continue the fund until the centre is established.

March 14th, 1979

1. The Ministry of Defence are planning to double the size of the R.A.F, Hospital at Ely. This will double the number of beds to almost 300.

2. Marine Engineer Artificer, First Class, Ian Sloan has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in recognition of 15 years meritorious service in the Royal Navy.

3. Littleport Pony Club won after a tie-breaker in the John Palmer Trophy Competition.

March 22nd, 1979

1. Plans to obtain a faculty to place the memorial to the five hanged Littleport Rioters in the town's parish church have suffered a set back. Fresh problems have come to light.

2. Littleport Parish Council have decided to take no further action over the matter of a lorry park for the town.

3. Two local farmers shared four cups between them in the annual Cambridgeshire Herd, Progeny and Butterfat Competition, and at the meeting J. H. Martin & Sons Ltd., of Littleport and P.T. & R.J.

Fuller of Spinney Abbey Farm, Wicken were presented with their awards by the branch chairman's wife, Mrs. Elsie Martin.

4. The Victoria Street Printers at Littleport is thriving in the hands of new owners, husband and wife team, Clive and Denise Harris.

5. "Sing-along Us" -- the fifth concert by the Littleport W.I. Concert Party was acclaimed "the best so far" by a capacity audience in the main hall of Littleport Village College on Wednesday evening.

April 6th, 1979

1. Littleport's Village Hall Committee is making final arrangements for the purchase of the Constitutional Hall.

2. Littleport lost one of its finest citizens with the death of Councillor Henry Crabb.

April 11th, 1979

1. Littleport Town Band won the first prize in the "Class A" Competition, held at Thetford on Sunday. This entitles them to enter the Championship part of the Contest next year.

April 27th, 1979

!!! 1. The organiser of Littleport's first Sunday Market is making arrangements to hold a market in the town every Sunday following the venture's week-end success. About 5,000 people turned up.

2. Littleport Brass Band will be playing in a special concert in St. Andrew's Church, Sutton.

May 5th, 1979

1. Mr. Patrick Cain, Deputy Head of Littleport C.P. School, will become Head of Isleham School in September.

2. Shopkeepers in the town are worried about the effects of Larry's Sunday Market on their trade.

3. The General Election was held on May 3rd and Clement Freud was returned as Candidate for the Isle.

4. Messes. B. Wright, A. Wright, J. Crane and A. Ware were elected District Councillors on May 3rd.

May 10th, 1979

1. Former Littleport Village College Student, Miss Tina Hodson, has been chosen as Aid of the Year at R.A.F. Mildenhall's Child Care Centre, Children's World.

May. 18th, 1979

1. Thirty children from the Primary School spent three days at Wicken Fen. The journey was made by boat. They stayed in premises run by the County Education Committee.

2. Mr. Clement Freud, M.P., broke open a charity bottle at the Crown Inn, Littleport. The contents were £140 in aid of the Mentally Handicapped Children's Society

3. A Church Party, a completely new venture in Littleport, attracted over one hundred and twenty people of all ages to the Village College on Saturday evening. The occasion came within twenty-four hours of the institution and induction of the Rev. John Martin as Vicar of St. George's, Littleport and St. John's, Little Ouse.

May 25th, 1979

1. On May 24th, citizens of the Village voted for the new Parish Council. Fifteen members were elected.
2. On Thursday high winds caused terrific Fen blows around the area and thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused to late drilled beet and onions.

June 1st, 1979

1. Two Littleport Guides, Alison Border and Susan Morrison, were presented with their Queen's Guides' awards by District Commissioner Mrs. Revett. The ceremony was held at the Methodist Chapel.

June 14th, 1979

- !!!** 1. A fire gutted a polystyrene store in Granary Lane on Tuesday. Three fire engines soon had the fire under control, but the firemen reported 99% damage to the contents of the store.
2. The Garden Fete, held on Saturday on the Church Green realised £325. The Fete was opened by Mr. C. Peacock, a television personality.
3. Mr. Harold Gotobed has just returned from a tour of the world war battle zones. All the vehicles used were from the 1939/1945 War.

June 22nd, 1979

- !!!** 1. The fire which gutted a polystyrene store in Littleport last Tuesday night was probably started deliberately, police revealed this week.
2. A plan, put forward by the Vicar of Littleport, the Rev. John Martin, to provide a new car park for fifty cars was turned down by Littleport Parish Council at their June meeting.
- !!!** 3. A new scheme to turn St. George's Churchyard, Littleport, into an open space has received almost unanimous approval from parishioners.

July 4th, 1979

1. During the Last two years the amount of fish in the river has tailed off drastically. This lack of sport has affected the trade in the town as two restaurants and some shops are particularly tuned to serving the anglers.
2. On Sunday, June 30th, the Rev. B. Rollett was made deacon in Ely Cathedral.

July 12th, 1979

!!! 1. It is suggested that a weekly market be held at the Crown Inn Yard. This, it is thought, will be a deterrent to the Sunday market now held.

2. Littleport's Raft proved fastest in the Aquafest held in Ely on July 8th.

July 19th, 1979

1. A horrific accident when a young child almost died after plunging through a plate glass door has brought a plea from parents for the tightening up of regulations on the use of glass.

2. A request to purchase land at Ely Road, Littleport, has sparked off renewed efforts by the town's Parish Council to convert the area into an open space.

3. The members of staff, pupils, parents and friends of the Littleport Primary School, honoured Mr. Patrick Cain with a farewell gift. Mr. Cain, the former Deputy Head is becoming the new Headmaster at Isleham Primary School.

4. "Touring Britain with Flowers" was the title of the week-end flower festival staged at Littleport Parish Church by the Littleport Flower Club. It raised £175 for the Parish Room Fund.

5. Plans to place the tablet to the five hanged Littleport rioters in St. George's Church have run into further problems. One person has objected to the faculty to remove the tablet from the wall of St. Mary's Church, Ely, and a hearing must now take place.

July 26th, 1979

1. Littleport Show week got off to a colourful and successful start on Sunday with a grand parade of decorated floats around the town. The Littleport Band and the City of Ely Military Band took part and £373 was raised for Show Funds.

2. Two Littleport students, Deborah Julie Brumby and Peter Taylor, have graduated from the University of Aston in Birmingham with honours degrees.

August 2nd, 1979

1. On July 28th, the fourth Littleport Show proved to be a high success. Mr. Andrew Wright and Mr. Albert Ware, among others, deserve the thanks of the village for their untiring efforts. The Publicity Officer was Mr. Terry Breeden.

August 9th, 1979

1. Littleport Band visited Hunstanton on Sunday for the third time this season.

August 17th, 1979

1. The monthly meeting of the British Legion Women took the form of a Dinner at the Ship Inn to celebrate the formation of the Branch.

2. On Tuesday the whole Country suffered from violent gales and much damage ensued. In Littleport, gardens were ruined and corn flattened.

August 23rd, 1979

1. Littleport Band went international this week when they played before an audience from fifty eight different countries. The band were invited to provide the first session of music at the Institute of Bankers' International Seminar at St. John's College, Cambridge and were very well received.

!!! 2. Entrepreneur of Larry's Sunday Market, Mr. Larry Scrivener, comes before Ely Magistrates today (Thursday) to answer charges alleging breaches in the Sunday Trading laws. Mr. Scrivener appears with six other traders from the market on six specimen charges of aiding, abetting, counselling and procuring traders to sell various prohibited items on a Sunday.

August 30th, 1979

A successful swimming gala, organised by Littleport Parish Council was held at the Littleport swimming pool on Saturday afternoon.

September 6th, 1979

The Littleport Day Centre have just been awarded a £120 grant from Help the Aged – after already receiving £600 from them last year.

September 20th, 1979

1. The Village Hall Committee has been awarded £1,875 towards the cost of alterations to the old Constitutional Hall. £3,000 has been allocated from the Day Centre Fund towards the establishment of a Day Centre in the new Village Hall Complex.

2. A sponsored walk in aid of the Parish Hall funds is expected to raise £225.

September 27th, 1979

1. Families in the Littleport area have been exchanging hospitality with German families in Willich, near Kempen. On October 10th, six families will be receiving German guests.

2. Littleport Guides and Guiders travelled to Newmarket on Friday for the Annual Meeting of the East Cambridgeshire Girl Guides.

October 4th, 1979

Former Littleport general practitioner, Dr. Thomas Barclay Gordon, died on Saturday at his son's home in Peterborough, aged 67 years. The funeral was held on October 4th at St. George's Church, Littleport.

October 11th, 1979

1. The Littleport Village Hall Committee raised £600 at their Auction Sale held on Saturday.

2. A fashion show by Littleport Bargain Centre was presented at the Village College on Wednesday. Proceeds went to the Girl Guide Association.

3. Mr. B. Wright, Churchwarden of St. George's Church for 32 years was presented with gifts at the Harvest Supper on Monday. The gifts, in appreciation of Mr. Wright's years of service, were presented by Mr. Brian Hullah.

November 9th, 1979

1. The Littleport Band have smart new uniforms thanks to the generosity of the public over the past few years.
2. Members of the British Legion are visiting the Albert Hall on the 10th for the Service of Remembrance.

November 15th, 1979

- !!!** 1. The Littleport factory of Burberry's has been awarded the Queen's Award for export achievement for the fourth time in its history.
2. The formation of a squash club in Littleport, and the building of a squash court by the summer of 1980, will be discussed at a public meeting at the village college on Tuesday.
3. Littleport Band, resplendent in their new uniform, headed the Parade from Ponds Hill to the Parish Church for a United Remembrance Service. Members of the Royal British Legion Branch and Women's Section were joined by the Brownies, Girl Guides, Rangers, Cubs and Scouts.

November 30th, 1979

1. Littleport Band won all three of their Competitions in the Cambridgeshire Brass Band Championships. They retained their trophy for a second year. The Conductor was Mr. Brian Halls .

December 6th, 1979

1. The Village College held a "Blue Peter" Bring & Buy Sale and raised £236 for the Cambodia Appeal.
2. 200 members and friends of the Littleport Pony Club celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the National Pony Club at the Maltings of December 1st.

December 14th, 1979

1. The council owned Granby Hotel in Littleport is to be converted into a warden-controlled hostel for the homeless.
2. Littleport Primary School Hall was transformed into the exotic East for a three night production of a musical version of the popular Ali Baba. The producer was Mr. S. Kelley.

- !!!** 3. Littleport's dream of having its own village hall became reality this week when after 18 months of hard fund raising the hall committee signed the final papers to complete the purchase of the £12500 Constitutional Hall.

December 21st, 1979

1. Gardener and Groundsman for Littleport Village College, has retired after working for twenty one years at local schools.
2. The Littleport Women's Section of the Royal British Legion have won the Margaret Scott

Efficiency Cup for the second year in succession.

3. Several local groups have been round the village singing carols this week.

!!! 4. Further investigations are to take place into the possibility of the Weekly Market at Littleport.

January 10th, 1980

!!! 1. Mr. Z. Mozejko has discovered that he fought alongside Pope John II in the Second World War.

2. A planning application for three homes at Sandhill, Littleport has been given the go-ahead, although the Littleport Parish Council felt the land should be purchased for use as an amenity area.

January 17th, 1980

1. Local Cancer Research received, on Thursday, a £740 boost for Addenbrookes Cancer Research & Leukaemia Unit. The money came from The Black Horse Public House.

January 24th, 1980

1. Littleport Parish Council have decided to oppose warding proposals for the town.

2. Miss I.M. Pollard, a teacher at Littleport Primary School, for forty years, died on January 15th. The school was closed for the afternoon of Friday, January 18th, as a token of affection and respect.

January 31st, 1980

1. The fourth Annual Littleport Show, held last summer, was the most successful ever. The Show Committee held an Annual Meeting last Monday and cheques were distributed to the Littleport Village Hall, Littleport Guides and Littleport Band.

February 7th, 1980

1. A new shop is to be opened on Saturday at 18 Wellington St, by Mr. T. Breeden. It is to be called "Simplicity".

2. The Annual Dinner & Dance for the Burberry Factory was held at the Cambridgeshire Hotel, Bar Hill on Saturday, February 2nd.

February 14th, 1980

1. Five local people obtained degrees from the Open University:-- Mr. Peter Hurst, Mrs. K. Hullah, Mr. M. Fox and Miss E. Burgoyne-Johnson.

2. School meals will cost 45p per meal from April and it will cost £15 per single child per term for transport to and from school.

3. A former Littleport man, Mr. Richard Brown, is co-author of a new History Text Book, entitled Nineteenth Century Britain.

4. Many more fund raising activities are needed for Littleport Village Hall, if renovation work on the

building is to continue throughout the year.

February 28th, 1980

1. Littleport Guides and Brownies held ceremonies on Thinking Day, February 22nd.
2. Mr. Christopher Peacock has won two Television Awards on Southern T.V.

March 7th, 1980

- !!! 1. Mr. Mozeko, the Pole, who fought alongside Pope John II in the Second World War has received a letter and a signed photograph from the Pope.
2. Members of Littleport Pony Club won the John Palmer Trophy by beating all opponents in the Quiz held at Soham.

March 20th, 1980

1. The recent collection for Dr. Barnardo's in the Littleport area raised £139.44.
2. Heart transplant surgeon, Terence English and his team carried out an emergency operation on a Littleport teenager -- Peter Austin Aylward -- on Friday.

March 17th, 1980

1. On Sunday, Littleport Band, conducted by Brian Halls, provided music for the 300th Caravan Rally of the Norfolk Centre Caravan Club, at R.A.F. Feltwell.
2. The Women's institute Concert Party presented a very successful Concert called "Happy Days" at the Village College. The concert was produced by Messrs. Law & Brown.

April 3rd, 1980

1. The Headmaster of Littleport County Primary School, Mr. Philip Roberts, has resigned because of ill health.

April 17th, 1980

1. Littleport Pony Club was one of four clubs which qualified for the Prince Philip Cup at Soham Recreation Ground.

April 24th, 1980

1. The Mothers' Union raised £58.94 at a Jumble Sale held on Saturday.
2. Littleport is endeavouring to attract industry to the village to alleviate the current high unemployment.

May 1st, 1980

1. Two stalwart members of St. Matthew's Church at Littleport, Mr. Luther Gilbert and Mr. John Morton have retired from office.

2. The Mayor and Mayoress of Ely were guests of Littleport Over Sixties' Club on Saturday when the annual Spring Fair was held.

3. Dr. Bertha Tilly, former Headmistress of Ely High School and teacher of very many local girls, died on Friday.

4. Seventy children from the Littleport Primary School spent the Easter holidays in the Isle of Wight.

May 8th, 1980

1. The Play and Toddler Group raised £120 for group funds in a sponsored Pram Push on Monday.

!!! 2. On Saturday £3,000 worth of cash and cheques was stolen in a daylight raid from one of the Co-op Store's safes.

3. Littleport traders have formed their own Chamber of Trade with the pledge to inject new life into the town.

!!! 4. Littleport Parish Council are prepared to bear almost the whole cost of running a market in the Town's Car Park on Saturdays if suitable arrangements can be made.

5. G Jumble Sale at the Anvil Room, held by the Women's Fellowship, raised £76 on Saturday.

May 15th, 1980

1. Isle M.P. Mr. Clement Freud has come out in favour of the controversial Littleport Sunday Market .

May 23rd, 1980

1. Littleport Fabrications Ltd., the Padnal Road based firm making equipment for the Pop Music Industry, have gone into liquidation.

2. Richard Simpson, a former Littleport boy, has been chosen as Weekly Newspaper Journalist of the year.

3. Littleport Village Hall has had a face lift, with new doors being fitted to the front of the building.

4. The Guide & Brownie Spring Fayre realised £51 for Funds.

May 31st, 1980

1. Two Littleport families have been hit by a road crash tragedy which claimed two lives, that of Mr. Alan Buckingham and Mrs, Margaret R. Constable. The accident happened on the A1101 Mildenhall Road at Littleport on Thursday at 9.50 p.m.

2. The Senior Community Education Tutor at Littleport Village College, Mr. Richard Chapman, has organised new day-time typing lessons for adults starting in September.

June 6th, 1980

1. A sponsored walk organised by the Littleport Village Hall Committee on Sunday raised nearly

£200 for hall funds.

2. Headmaster, Mr. David Petherick, of Littleport received his Open University Degree on Saturday. He is Head of the Beaupre Community Primary School in Outwell.

3. The annual dominoes tournament at Littleport Day Centre was won by Mr. B. Carter who holds the Shield for a year.

June 13th, 1980

!!! 1. East Cambridgeshire District Council have gained High Court injunction banning the holding of a Sunday Market at Littleport.

!!! 2. The Ely and Littleport bypass has been timetabled for building by 1983 in the Government's new white Paper on road developments.

3. The Littleport Village Hall Committee are planning to start building the new day centre on June 28th.

June 19th, 1980

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council have abandoned their plans to convert the Granby Hotel into a Warden controlled Hostel for the Homeless. Instead they have agreed to sell the property.

2. Russell Moden of 27 The Crescent, pulled a March business man, Mr. A. Housden, away from his blazing £20,000 cabin cruiser seconds before a gas bottle on board exploded.

3. The new holder of the Miss Littleport title is Debbie Scott.

4. Littleport Pony Club held its Annual Horse Jumping Competition at Coveney Gala on Saturday.

5. Littleport Parish Church must raise an additional £2,200 during 1980 to save itself from serious financial difficulties.

June 26th, 1980

1. Members of Littleport Parish Church and its congregation have started work on a money saving scheme to provide a new Parish Meeting Room. They are building, it inside the Church.

2. Littleport and Soham Pony Club confirmed their rankings at the top of the local Club Circuit when they shared the major titles in an Inter Clubs Gymkhana.

3. A grant of £1,875 given to the Littleport Village Hall Committee towards their work in modernising the Constitutional Hall has been transferred to their project of providing a Day Centre at the Hall.

4. The pupils of the Primary School and the Village College joined together for a concert on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

June 11th, 1980

1. A group of volunteers have begun work at Littleport Village Hall, where they plan to build a Day Centre for the elderly.

2. About 1000 members of Over 60's Clubs from all over the country enjoyed tea parties in and around Ely on Monday afternoon, following their service of praise and thanksgiving in the Cathedral.

July 17th, 1980

- !!! 1. The outlawed Littleport Sunday Market re-opens at its New River Bank site on Sunday morning, July 20th. It is now called Littleport Sunday Shopping Club.
2. A Strawberry Tea was held at Anchor Court on Tuesday for the Day Centre members.
3. Littleport Senior Citizens were guests at a special tea, organised by the Women's Institute on Thursday. The tea was held in the Village Hall.
4. Littleport Show Week gets under way on Saturday with a week-end full of activities building up for the Show Day climax next week-end.
5. The Axion Housing Association plan to develop a site off Parson's Lane and to build over sixty flats for the elderly.
6. Television personality, Helen McDermott; visited the Littleport and Busy Bees Playgroups when they held their annual play-in.

July 23rd, 1980

1. Burial fees for Littleport Cemetery have been increased by 20%. The fees are effective from August 1st.
2. Littleport Springboard Gymnastics Club celebrated the end of their first year's work in style this week with twenty-one members British Amateur Gymnastics Association Exams.
3. The Show Week got off to a fine start at the week-end with a clay pigeon shoot, tractor backing competition and Sunday's Parade of Floats, which netted over £400. The Perpetual Challenge Cup went for the second year running to Meadow Court for a float depicting Disney Time.

July 30th, 1980

1. Fine weather and guest personality Alex "Hurricane" Higgins were just two of the ingredients which helped the fifth Littleport Show to new heights of success on Saturday, July 26th.
2. Littleport Village Hall is proving so popular that local organisations are being warned to book early.
3. Littleport Cricket Team pulled off two overwhelming wins over what should have been good class opposition last week.
4. Littleport woman, Squadron Leader Angela Moffatt (retired) has been honoured by the Royal Red Cross. She received her award from the Queen.
5. Mark Roderick Hodson of 8, Grange Lane, won a BSc. Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

August 8th, 1980

1. The Littleport Village Hall Committee have been presented with £1500 worth of tables and chairs by the Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club.

2. Littleport Guides in camp at Great Wilbraham unearthed ancient loom weights whilst digging a pit on the camp site.

August 14th, 1980

!!! 1. Littleport Chamber of Trade have given their support to a Saturday market in the village.

2. The Littleport Transport & General Workers' Union Centre bade farewell to its maintenance man, Mr. Percy Johnson, following eighteen years of service. Mr. Johnson and his wife enjoyed a sherry reception at the centre. Mr. Johnson was presented with a cassette recorder and Mrs. Johnson received a bouquet of flowers.
