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Welcome!

Welcome to the Summer edition of your community magazine. Packed full of information on services, groups and events that are happening in Littleport, there are features on the people and places that make this village a great place to live in. That's not to say that everything in the garden is rosy — although the problems that beset us, fortunately for us, are not in the same league as some less desirable places that people have to live in.

Dog bin provision is being addressed but with a dog loving and owning population Littleport could do with a few more.

Street lighting is always a talking point and now there is a suggestion that as far as the station underpass is concerned, the railway company may just close it... And if it's summer, we must be talking

Christmas Lights - so we are looking

forward to the Celebration Lights Committee coming up with getting some new super-duper illuminated decorations in the centre this year.

The team here at Littleport Life hope that you enjoy this quarter's issue of your favourite community magazine to keep you up to date with all the wonderful events, both regular and one-off, shopping opportunities, services and clubs and organisations that flourish in the place we all love to call our home. Littleport.

The team has lost a stalwart, Arthur Sole, who is retiring after giving many years of service to this, your community magazine. I know you will join me and all the members of the Littleport Life team, old and new, in thanking Arthur for all the hard work he has put in over the years and wishing him all the very best for the future.

Have a great summer,

Lyn

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A little over two years ago an article in this magazine asked "Is Neighbourhood Watch in Littleport dead? Well not quite, but it is in a rather sorry state which is quite distressing as it used to be a thriving and dynamic organisation in Littleport." Well, fortunately there has recently been a significant change with 5 new schemes started in the last few months which have brought approximately 150 households within the Neighbourhood Watch fold.

You might wonder whether this is important to which the answer must be YES. We are in a period of cuts which is resulting in a reduction of staff within the police and local authority support services. It may not be admitted by the authorities but reduced staff numbers invariably result in a reduced service. Neighbourhood Watch is in some way filling the gap.

Neighbourhood Watch was established to work with the local police force to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and also the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. This support to the police force is as important now as it ever was. The police need the support of residents if crime and disorder in Littleport is to be contained, and even more so, if it is to be reduced.

In addition to supporting the police, Neighbourhood Watch is there to encourage neighbourliness and improve the quality of life for local residents and tenants. Many of the unwanted goings-on that occur in a neighbourhood are not police matters but matters for the local authority; these would include graffiti, fly tipping, dog fouling,

abandoned cars, noisy dogs or noisy neighbours and numerous more. Many residents, particularly the elderly, fight shy of contacting faceless officials on such matters, but a neighbourhood watch coordinator would be there to fight your corner.

You might ask who this coordinator might be; it is the person designated to oversee a neighbourhood watch scheme usually of about 20 to 50 houses. Might you be such a person?

It is also worth noting that the majority of home insurance companies give a reduction on insurance premiums for residents in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Such reductions are always welcome, but it also serves as a strong endorsement of the benefit of Neighbourhood Watch – large insurance companies are not renowned for giving something for nothing, so they obviously see the benefit.

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From Monday 20th July to Sunday 2nd August 2015, come and take part in OuseFest, a whole fortnight of over 50 local events celebrating the Ouse Washes Landscape and Communities! There's plenty happening at a variety of venues right on our doorsteps, spanning from Downham Market to St Ives. It's a perfect opportunity to learn more about the history of our fascinating Ouse Washes area, local wildlife and habitats and traditional Fenland life. OuseFest is sure to be lots of fun and a great way to reminisce about the old days, think about the Ouse Washes of the future and enjoy everything our beautiful local area has to offer.

Organised by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership, OuseFest is a celebration of everything that makes the Ouse Washes Landscape and surrounding Fenland area great! Have incredible wildlife encounters on a Wetland Safari at WWT Welney Wetland Centre; explore our local history on a Museums Trail; uncover ancient life on a Community Archaeology Dig; explore the landscape with the Ouse Washes Experience Roadshow; let off some steam at one of the Family Fun Days happening across the area. There is sure to be something for all ages!

Some key dates...an exciting OuseFest Fun Day Extravaganza will take place at Mepal Outdoor Centre on Saturday 25th July. Here you can take part in an adventurous RSPB Scavenger Hunt, get creative with a craft workshop, dissect a pellet with the Barn Owl Conservation Network or

relax in the trees with some captivating story-telling by Michael Rouse. There will also be Trust Trail activities, music, face painting, a cinema room to unwind in and much more.

On Tuesday 28th July check out OuseFest at Denver Sluice hosted by the Environment Agency. It's a huge festival celebrating the site that keeps the whole area from flooding. There'll be boat trips, rowing taster sessions, the famous eel and fish tank to get up close to the intriguing creatures and a re-enactment of the Victorian Flat Earth Trials with Cambridge Archaeological Unit.

Throughout the festival there will also be lots of opportunities to learn about our fantastic cultural heritage with a variety of events including talks with local authors at Cambridgeshire Libraries and Topping Books, walking tours, history talks, an art installation by Littleport's Field Theatre Group and the Isle of Ely Churches Trail.

Sara Marshall, Countryside Engagement & Marketing Officer at the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership says "we're so incredibly excited about the amazing OuseFest programme, there's something for everyone to help connect with the local area, have some fun and meet new people in their communities".

This only gives a taster of what's happening during OuseFest! To find out more and to see the full programme, please visit www. ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest, or follow us on Twitter (https://twitter.com/OuseFest) or Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ousewashes). If you have any other questions or would like to volunteer at an OuseFest event, please contact Sara Marshall on sara. marshall@cambsacre.org.uk.

THE LITTLEPORT SOCIETY

Finding your Past

In the 1980's a new hobby began to grip the Nation, - researching family history. In fact many people around the World wanted to know their roots by discovering their ancestral origins, and Family History Societies soon sprang up in most counties to enable people with common ancestry to swap and exchange information. County Record Offices, which had once only been the preserve of a few dedicated historians, now became inundated with people wanting to check through parish registers and other documents to track down their forebears. This massive upsurge in the manual handling of the registers began to take a toll on these old and fragile volumes, and it became clear that something had to be done to save those precious archives.

The answer was to transcribe every parish register in the country. This mammoth task was undertaken by members of the Family History Societies throughout the country. It was about this time the Littleport Society was founded, and as people from far and wide began to join the Society because their roots were in Littleport, the Committee decided that family history must play a large part in the activities of the Society. A group of members, dedicated family historians, began the process of transcribing the Littleport Registers and transferring the information into a searchable computer data base.

The parish registers of St. George's Church only date back to the mid 1700's, the earlier records are reputed to have

been destroyed by the Rioters in 1816. The earlier records, dating back to 1599, are preserved in the form of Bishop's Transcripts, and held in the Cambridge University Library. Having gained access to these records they too were transcribed and added to the data base. Although there were several years missing, particularly from the Cromwellian period, the Society's family history records do give the potential to create a family tree back to the late Tudor period.

Over the years the registers of the churches of St. Matthew, St. John, Little



Ouse, and the Non-conformist Churches and Chapels have been added. These together with census records, wills, and other collected and donated data gives the Society a vast data base of genealogical information.

Every month the Society receives many family history enquiries. It was one such enquiry, some years ago, from a member in the United States, that led us to discover that the father of the founder of the Harley-Davidson Motor Cycle Company, was born in Littleport. Did you know that Littleport also has a connection with the Indian Motor Cycle Company, which was at one time a great rival of Harley-Davidson? The connection is through the Ellingham family.

If you are interested in the history of your family why not join the Littleport Society and begin the quest to discover what your forebears did. You never know you might get a surprise.

Don't forget the Society's OPEN DAY AT THE BARN, in the Main Street car park on Saturday the 19th September 10am to 4pm. The displays will include 'Memories of the 50's and 60's', 'What Littleport was like in the Great War', and much more. It will also be a good time to begin your family history quest, as our family history experts will be on hand to guide the beginner, or help the experienced to add another branch to their tree.

The Society is also looking for volunteers to fill the following vacancies on the Committee, Secretary, Minute Secretary, and Programme Organiser. If you would like to join the Committee just have a word with any member of the Committee, we would be pleased to hear from you. Our web-site is at - www.littleportsociety. org.uk



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We are still the same club working at raising funds for charities and individuals be it Local, National or Internationally.



We meet every month at Littleport Grange Nursing Home where they kindly let us use a room for our meetings.

We have supported Littleport Leisure's

Part of our service to the community this year will be supporting them in their fundraising events which are provisionally; a 'Summer Fair', firework party and an event nearer Christmas. If you feel that you can spare a few hours at these community events then contact us.

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FOCUS ON LITTLEPORT CRICKET CLUB – AND NORMAN SOUTH!

"Come on Racey – you can do it", cried Littleport Town Cricket Club's Chairman and last year's Captain Chris Farnell urging his team to notch up a good score only to be beaten by 8 wickets by winners and visitors Milton one sunny but blowy Saturday afternoon down at Littleport's Leisure Centre ground.

Andy Race is Club Secretary and delighted to be playing in the Junior Division 1 League this season after the club's promotion at the end of last season from Junior Division 2.

"You don't always expect a good turnout at village cricket games these days, but that doesn't stop us from enjoying the sport as well as the camaraderie that goes with it," said Doug Marsh, who at 48 admits he's not as fit as he used to be.

"I used to think playing two matches a week was such a doddle".

Mind you Doug who has played cricket for a good 22 years now recalls playing with some great cricketers, and one name that springs to mind is their President Norman South who Doug was fortunate to play with and proudly comments, "And I've seen Norman take some wickets in his time which made it a pleasure to be part of that era."

Norman South who was given a surprise birthday party at the Leisure Centre in February mentioned that his great great grandfather Tom at the age of only 22 was one of the five rioters executed, and as Norman points out, "He was hung because of standing up for the rights of the working man as in those days aristocracy ruled the roost".

Norman's cricketing career where he was renowned as a good fast bowler and not

bad with the bat either spanned a good 30 years, playing for County Colts and for Cambridge but as he stated, "that is about as good as I got".



Littleport's cricket matches were played at Highfield on the Ely Road, courtesy of owner John Martin, in front of decent size crowds and recalls his team providing the home game teas, as well as congregating at the Plough and Harrow pub afterwards to enjoy a pint or two to discuss the finer points of the game.

Norman's father Herbert South was also a good footballer playing left wing for Littleport and won some silverware in the 1920-1921 season.

Norman himself played for Waterbeach, Ely City and Littleport Town FC, as well as making an appearance in the 1956 FA Cup final. His association with Littleport Town Cricket Club began in 1947, and he was instrumental in developing youth cricket in both Ely and Littleport. He is President of the longest standing cup competition The Kirkland Cup, Norman was also quite a dab hand at table tennis even representing the County.

Sadly with the Littleport and Ely branch of the MS Society no longer in existence, Norman always raised thousands of pounds for the MS Society charity which was dear to heart as his wife of 51 years, Hilary, an ex footballer herself, died of that disease.

In 2008, Norman South was awarded with the 'Unsung Hero Award' at the Ely Standard Sports Awards for his dedication to local sports, and in 2012 he was one of the Olympic torch bearers which for Norman was such an honour.

Norman South can always be seen every Saturday watching his beloved Littleport Town Cricket team from the balcony of the Leisure Centre bar, and he particularly likes to monitor his grandson's James' progress who scored an impressive 102 with the bat against Bottisham-Lode and is also a mean fast bowler, following up in his grandfather's cricketing and footballing footsteps.

I have often watched James South go into many a crunching tackle, as he takes no prisoners, playing football for Littleport Town FC who finished a commendable 3rd in Division 1B of the Newmarket Motor Company of the Cambridgeshire FA County league this season.

Littleport Town Cricket Club are on the lookout for players and sponsorship - after all it costs them £6,000 a year to run the team which includes maintaining their diesel run mower for the cricket pitch which has to be cut at least three times a week.

"Unfortunately we don't have a Colts system anymore, but we hope to get one when the new schools open," said Chris, who was delighted to tell Littleport Life that the current side is made up of youngsters who have come through the ranks of the Colts.

The club celebrating its 126th year, have three sides who play mid-week, Saturday, and in the Norfolk League on Sunday.

"It's one of the friendliest clubs around. We have a good harmony and this is the highest standard we've been at for ages. We do a lot of charity events. The last race night we raised £400 but we know we need different ideas because the money is always coming out of our pockets" said Chris who is also one of the Trustees of the Leisure Centre.

Littleport Town Cricket Club has a senior team, a Sunday development team and a midweek league team and are always on the lookout for new club members, so if you are interested in getting involved and joining please do not hesitate to contact them by e-mailing Andy Race at secretary@littleportcc.com.

Cathy Gibb



LOCAL TREE SURGEONS ARE A CUT ABOVE THE COMPETITION

Tree Surgeons, AC Tree Surgery & Garden Care have been announced the 2014 East Cambridgeshire New Business of the Year Award Winners, after impressing judges with their IT set-up and staff training.

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BRIAN HAYES

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

At the open public meeting of the new Parish Council, Councillor (retired) Brian Hayes was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Brian, who has now retired having served the people of Littleport so well for 20 years, was delighted to receive his certificate.

He had already made a speech that touched many with its sincerity and it was obviously a very popular decision to award this tireless worker for others with Littleport Parish Council's highest honour.



Brian Hayes with his Citizen of the Year certificate together with wife Pam enjoying the moment



FRIENDLY GATE HOUSE B&B

A popular B&B in Littleport has been named one of the friendliest in the UK.

The Gatehouse B&B in Lynn Road was a finalist in the AA's 'Friendliest Bed and Breakfast' Awards 2015.

Edna Mycawka who runs the business with her partner Peter collected her

award at the Landmark Hotel in London. The Gatehouse was among just 25 finalists shortlisted from over 2,300 that were inspected by the AA.

Edna said, "We are delighted to have been nominated for the award by the AA inspectors."





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Local fundraising manager, Jessica Levin says "The website allows you to create a lasting legacy for your loved one — a legacy that will help Macmillan support more people with cancer and their families, if someone close to you dies from cancer, Macmillan are here for you. Call the support line on 0808 808 00 00 to help you cope with grief, give you all the practical information you need, and when you're ready, offer ways to celebrate the

life of your loved one."

In Cambridgeshire alone, nearly £35,000 was donated in memory of loved ones in 2014. This is an amazing amount and could pay for the build costs of 10 Macmillan Information Points allowing hundreds of people to easily access Macmillan information resources. This is similar to the recently opened Macmillan Information Pod at Addenbrooke's which offers support, advice and information to people affected by cancer. This could be anything from questions about cancer to advice on practical issues and information on financial support.

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NEW LOOK LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL TO MARCH ON ELY IN 2016?



The Littleport Parish Council election has begun to fade in our memory – but the impact of the 2015 election will continue to make a difference to the way in which citizens of Littleport view and experience their representation by those councillors that they elected to serve them.

It would be agreed that all the candidates were worthy to sit on that community body, and the mostly close count of votes cast would prove that statement. However, until the number of 'seats' in Littleport East and Littleport West are expanded, the municipal game of musical chairs will have to have an accepted limited number outcome.

Perhaps in the future those willing to serve could be asked on to this voluntary panel in order to represent those who did cast their votes their way, to 'come on board' as co-options...

There is a spirit of change and progress pervading the village now, fuelled in part by the social media networking system; for those with access to Facebook the pages are Littleport Village Voices, and Littleport Notice Board — again administrated by volunteers — with the annual open meeting at the Village Hall being packed with residents who were

able to ask questions — and indeed have them answered, by the newly formed PC as it's known for short! One suggestion from the floor was that the Parish Council itself could have a Facebook presence.

PC as we know also stands for the much maligned phrase, 'Political Correctness' – but this PC is most definitely PC in the best sense of the acronym.

After all being politically correct means having an inclusive and non discriminatory attitude to all the diverse people, groups and lifestyles within any community, and wanting to do the best by, for and with them. Nobody would deny that Littleport Parish Council falls into that category.

At the last meeting before the elections on April 20th under the Chairpersonship of Ms D I Boyd, it was proposed by Councillor FJ Brown that as next year is the 200th anniversary of the Littleport Riots, that the Council should contact all the other organisations in the village to seek their views on commemorating this historic event.

The Rotary Club proposes a march on Ely from the old Globe site in Littleport on May 22nd 2016.

Parish Council Minutes, the proceedings written down during the monthly PC meetings and made public in draft form pending acceptance at the next PC meeting are available at the PCHQ, the Headquarters of our Parish Council, The Barn and signed off as accepted minutes are also now posted on Parish Council and also the Littleport Village Voices Facebook page.

By The Editor



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WI CELEBRATES CENTENARY!

Littleport Life congratulates this organisation that has done so much for the village since the Women's Institute began 100 years ago. The members have lent their strength to national campaigns that have been of concern specially to women such as equal pay, gaps in midwifery provision and domestic and other violence against women initiatives and non-specific such as 'care not custody' and organ donation, writes the editor.

Of course on the home front, cookery skills have always been a favourite – ever since the women of the WI were called upon to help feed the nation during times of food shortage in wartime.

Baking cakes to go with cups of tea as a welcome adjunct to socialising – and charity fund-raising – has always been a popular, and famous, activity.

Littleport Life has reproduced some vintage and some modern recipes to delight you, and your friends and family's, taste-buds!.

Don't forget you can go along to any WI meetings held on the second Tuesday evening of the month at the Village Hall as a guest. You are always made welcome and membership is available should you wish to join. For more info please call the President Ms J Bird 01353 863823 or Secretary Ms M Dennis on 961298.

VINTAGE RECIPES

These recipes are from WI federation cookbooks. The original appears first, followed by an updated version. The first reference to Queen Victoria's taste for



sponge cake is in this recipe from Secrets of some Wiltshire Housewives, 1927.

TO MAKE THE SILVER CAKE

INGREDIENTS: (For both)

1/4lb butter

1/4lb powdered sugar

6oz finest sifted flour

whites of 5 eggs well beaten to a stiff froth large tsp baking powder.

Beat the butter to a cream and add the sugar. Then add the flour and whites of eggs in alternate spoonfuls. Mix very well, add a teaspoonful of essence of almonds, and some finely powdered almonds. Baking powder to be put in last.

TO MAKE THE GOLD CAKE

Take the yolks of the 5 eggs, beat up thoroughly and make exactly the same as the silver cake, adding two (not one) teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavour with a glass of whisky, or add ½ teaspoonful of sal volatile.

H Longden, Milton Gold and Silver cakes (These cakes are said to have been great favourites with Queen Victoria)

MODERN RECIPES MODERN SILVER CAKE

Makes one 18cm round cake Prep 20

minutes Cook 30 minutes.
INGREDIENTS FOR BOTH CAKES:

INGREDIENTS FOR BOTH
125g butter
125g caster sugar
½ tsp almond essence
175g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
5 large egg whites
2 tbsp ground almonds
2–3 tbsp milk.

Preheat the oven to 180C/fan oven 160C/gas mark 4. Cream the butter with the sugar until pale and light, then stir in the almond essence.

Sift the flour with the baking powder. Whisk the egg whites until holding peaks, then fold into the creamed mixture alternating with the flour, ground almonds and milk to give a soft-dropping consistency.

Spoon into a buttered and base-lined 18cm round sandwich cake tin. Level the surface. Bake for 30 minutes until firm and pale golden. Turn out and cool on a wire rack. Serve as it is, dusted with silver powder, or split and sandwich with lemon curd and whipped cream. Modern Gold cake Makes one 18cm round – or square – cake Prep 20 minutes Cook

30 – 40 minutes To make the gold cake follow the silver cake recipe above but omit the almond essence and use 2tsp baking powder. Instead of adding the egg whites, beat in the yolks of 5 eggs after creaming the butter and sugar. Fold in the flour and baking powder with three to four tablespoons of whisky. Finish and cook as above. You can make this cake in a square 18cm tin as an alternative. Cool and serve plain, dusted with gold powder, or topped with whipped cream and sliced strawberries.

MODERN GOLD CAKE

Makes one 18cm round — or square — cake Prep 20 minutes Cook 30 — 40 minutes To make the gold cake follow the silver cake recipe above but omit the almond essence and use 2tsp baking powder. Instead of adding the egg whites, beat in the yolks of 5 eggs after creaming the butter and sugar. Fold in the flour and baking powder with three to four tablespoons of whisky. Finish and cook as above. You can make this cake in a square 18cm tin as an alternative. Cool and serve plain, dusted with gold powder, or topped with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. *Enjoy!*



TRADITIONAL Shopping in LITTLEPORT

Visiting The Bargain Centre with Roving Reporter Cathy Gibb

The earliest purpose built shop in Littleport's Main Street is the large building that has been occupied mainly by The Littleport Bargain Centre and Barclay's Bank.

It was built in the 1880's by Thomas Peacock, the founder of Hope Brothers Shirt Factory, and the first occupants were James Heygate, a clothier, and William Cragg, the butcher.

I admit to being a regular visitor to the Bargain Centre that has a resemblance in a way to that popular television series "Open All Hours", not least because they are proud to be of traditional service, only closing when the last customer actually leaves and they still have half day closing on Wednesdays.

Friendly proprietor Jill Harrison has worked there for over 40 years, but now intends to retire next year handing over the reins to the competent and capable co-worker and niece Joanne Yates Brown. Joanne's mother Sheila Yates along with her sister Jill were original Bargain Centre employees when they first started in a small shop next to Laburnum Lodge further up the street. Sheila was still working in the shop until she became

gravely ill, and sadly passed over 10 years ago at only 66 years of age.

With yet another reminder of Arkwright's in 'Open All Hours' the Bargain Centre has one of those original ringing cash



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machines, as Joanne was pleased to demonstrate to me. "It is always handy when we have the odd power cut," she said.

Jill and Jo are always on hand to assist and help and are now working in their new but smaller premises after swapping with Sigma Embroidery next door!

"The difference with us here at The Littleport Bargain Centre is that we are not being told what to sell or told what to buy. Whenever a customer comes through that door, if we know we can get it, we will get it for them. We are a phone call away from ordering anything a customer may need" said Jo, who was very young when she first started working there and is now celebrating her 37th year.

You will also find that nothing is too much trouble for these tireless workers.

"We have a room if anyone wishes to try anything on, or we will have the odd customer come in just needing to catch their breath, or their legs hurt, so we provide a chair for them to sit before going on to the next stage of their shopping trip.

We also run a dry cleaning and alteration (sewing) service which some people might not know about. In fact we are indebted to our sewing expert Gwen who used to work at the Burberry Factory,

and just the other week she was altering a customer's dog jacket" said Jill, who philosophically pointed out that every generation will get older and will too find themselves shopping at the Bargain Centre more often in the years to come.

"We get customers coming from as far as Cambridge, Mildenhall and Downham Market because we stock exactly what these customers want. We are a bit like Adams' used to be because for instance instead of buying a whole ribbon roll, you can purchase a metre, or if you want only one button we will sell you a button and not a whole packet," Joanne told Littleport Life. They are also rightly proud of their extensive stock of larger sized undergarments, bras, socks and night wear.

After so many years in the business as you would imagine Jill has many amusing tales to tell, and among them the time when in the early 70's they decked their whole shop out in tartan because of the Bay City Rollers mania.

As I was leaving the shop, Jill's husband Alan was seen with tools in hand widening the front door of the shop to accommodate wheelchair users which just shows you that The Bargain Centre really does take that extra effort to make all its customers, who are also seen as their friends, welcome.

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RESPONSIBLE DOG WALKER CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED



Two local businesses, Developing Dogs and Jurassic Bark, have teamed up to help provide a solution to the problems of dog mess in Ely, Littleport and surrounding villages.

Creating the Responsible Dog Walker campaign, which provides free poo bags and information on how to be a responsible dog walker, business owners Sian Ryan and Jarl Ford are aiming to support the local council in tackling the issues of dog mess and to highlight the positive steps that can be taken to allow everyone to share and enjoy our open spaces. Sian, owner of Developing Dogs says "Obviously we love dogs, and we love taking them for walks, but we also appreciate that it's our responsibility to make sure that our dogs aren't a nuisance to other walkers, park users or dog owners. Not everyone likes dogs, and not all dogs want to say hello to other dogs; our campaign aims to remind people that they can still have fun with their dogs but they should be aware of the needs of others too. "

Alongside increasing awareness of legal responsibilities and consideration for others, the Responsible Dog Walker Campaign is giving out monthly supplies of free poo bags via the Littleport branch of Jurassic Bark. Jarl. co-owner of Jurassic Bark, says "The Responsible Dog Walker campaign is something that we are really pleased to offer. Launching the campaign at a dog show in Pocket Park on May 4th gave us the perfect place to talk to dog owners, who very much welcomed the programme. Now along with our existing customers, anyone can come to our shop in Littleport and take up to 60 free bags a month with no obligation"

Dave White, East Cambridgeshire District Council's Waste Services Team Leader says "The Council is keen to support any initiative, such as this, that encourages responsible dog ownership. Irresponsible owners who fail to clear up after their dog cause great inconvenience and potential health risks to others, and risk being issued with £50 Fixed Penalty Notices. Dog owners should always carry a supply of bags to clear up, and appropriately dispose of used bags."

To claim free poo bags dog owners need to visit Jurassic Bark at Unit 3B in the Saxon Business Park off the A10 and sign up to the Responsible Dog Walker campaign. Each month participating owners will also be entered into a monthly draw to win a session for exclusive use of the 8 acre dog walking and activity field at Developing Dogs.

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A MESSAGE FROM ST GEORGES CHURCH



The Game of Life...

What makes a good friend? What would you do to get £1million? Which is the first book of the bible? Is it ever OK to tell a lie? Of the following, are any/all in the bible? A dragon, a talking donkey, a sparrow. These and many questions like them are asked whilst playing "The Game of Life". Let me explain. The GOL is aimed at 10-13 year olds and involves converting St George's church into a giant board game. One hundred squares lead from the tower door, up and down the three aisles and end at the high altar. The squares are carpet tiles and the counters, traffic cones. Points are gained by throwing the dice and teams may land on a square which sends them forward, or back (just as in snakes & ladders) There are question squares too, like those questions above and there are also "gummy bear" squares where everyone gets a gummy bear (a gummy bear is a sweet for those of us who remember only pear drops and sherbet fountains) Gummy bear squares are very popular. All year 6 children from

There is also an activity session where

been invited.

the two primary schools plus others have

a point about the Christian faith is aired and explored; in week one we compared Darwin's evolution theory with Genesis 1 and we found a remarkable similarity. The point being that church, science and life in general are very much connected and church is not for wacky people doing stuff that has no relevance to the rest of life. Week two, we built a wooden structure. first by guessing, then by following written instructions and finally by looking at a drawing. The point being that we have a spiritual awareness, but we can be unsure how to handle it; the bible gives us the words, Jesus is the picture. Week three we looked at ideas about God - is he distant or not? To help we used a clip from the film Toy Story.

Oh, and the whole thing is topped and tailed by pizzas to which the group add extra toppings — I'm pleased to say that squid is proving quite popular.

It's been a great privilege to see these young people really engage with the questions and the activities whilst clearly enjoying the whole experience. By the time this edition of the magazine reaches you, the GOL for now will be almost finished for the summer, but it can always happen again. Just be in touch.

And it isn't all for young people: the evening of Real Ale & Real Hymns in church on May 16th went down a storm with excellent beer from The Snake Brewery (plus soft drinks/wine too) and brilliant hymn choices. A good evening was had by all and it will be repeated.

May God bless you,

Rev'd Howard Robson

A MESSAGE FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER ...FOR LITTLEPORT

Just recently our dog Rosie had to have her front left leg amputated due to bone cancer. It is amazing how well she is adapting to getting around on three legs. We are hoping that the cancer won't spread to other parts of her body but for the present she is well and has got her bounce back albeit on three legs and not four. I have had pets for most of my life including rabbits, hamsters, fish, cats and dogs. Rosie came to live with us when she was five and soon settled in as if she had always been a part of our family. I am incurably sentimental when one of our animals needs putting to sleep and can't help shedding a few tears, but hopefully Rosie will be with us for another year or two God willing.

Pets can be such good companions (if you like animals, of course). They can drive you crazy at times and misbehave, but no matter what, they will always remain loyal and don't answer back when you are cross with them. The house seems empty when my animals are away overnight and I often feel like I've forgotten something when they are not there.

It is amazing what a difference having a three legged dog has made when we are out and about in Ely. In general, having a dog does help in making conversation with people but even more so now. Rosie loves the attention and I have had the opportunity to chat with far more people than I would if I was on my own. Last



week I took Rosie into a local residential home in Ely for the monthly service. The residents made a big fuss of their canine visitor and I suspect her doggy therapy had more of an impact than the worship! Rosie dog makes people smile and her indominatable spirit is an inspiration. Who knows whether animals have souls or not? I certainly hope there are dogs in heaven though, because I think they can teach us humans a thing or two about unconditional love. It is this kind of God given love that is at the heart of the Christian message. Many Blessings,

Reverend Joanne Sherwood



SPIRIT AND HEALING...

This summer quarter, our founder and Primus, who also happens to be an author and journalist in her working life, currently editor of this community magazine, has written a few words for us about our Spirit driven healing ministry. Offering up our prayers for this to take place, we channel our healing, from Spirit through our spirit indwelling in our physical body, to the spirit of the sufferer, in order to give relief and comfort from whatever ails them.

We also believe that not only is there eternal life in Spirit, but that we can receive various levels of communication from that other world of spirit, and that this is provable by mediumship in all of its different forms, including that of channelling healing.

The Spirit that we invoke in our prayer for help for those needing the alleviation of suffering, is that which is known as the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, spoken of at that last Passover meal by Jesus to his followers, who were gathered in the room with him. You can check out the event in full in any bible containing the books of the New Testament in the gospel of John

Chapter 16. We are called Spiritualists because we believe that Spirit – the Great Omnipotent and Omnipresent Spirit – is a fact; that we are all a part of that Spirit and as such we are all spirit beings now and will continue as conscious entities when we die.

There are now and have been many detractors of Spiritualism that say that they are Christian (or are members of other religions such as Moslem or Hindu, Bahai or Jewish) and some even challenge that the actual denomination of Christian Spiritualism exists. Or that Spirit exists...

You may be interested should you not already know that the author of Robinson Crusoe, Moll Flanders, and many other popular novels, Daniel Defoe, also studied for the ministry at a school for Dissenters and wrote about the spiritual and spirit matters so close to his heart.

He spent time in prison for 'Slandering the Anglican Church' as well as for slandering the Whig Party and to give you a flavour of his opinions, here is a little of his ire from the Review journal of which he was editor:

'Things as certain as death and taxes can be more firmly believed' as Defoe bitterly branded 'the rejection of the supernatural' as 'a sort of atheism'.

In yet another he had castigated 'those discrediting apparitions' and that they, 'persuade themselves there are no spirits at all and (therefore) convince themselves that there is no God and so atheism takes its rise'... This last comment was written in his book, 'Vision of the Angelic World'. He may well have been among our number had he been born in 1960 instead of 1660.

Should you want to find out more about our belief and principles and how they are applied in a practical way, why not try a service with mediumship and healing on a Thursday evening at the Village Hall?

May you be Blessed with Healing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VINE COMMUNITY CHURCH



"The Times and The Seasons"

Driving through the fens this week and looking at the activity on the land, I was caused once again to think that the times and seasons are defined by the movements of the master clock in the sky. Having lived for the last fifteen years in this area, the order in which things happen it never ceases to amaze me. We have seed time, growing time, harvest time all orchestrated by some hidden control! Being surrounded by some of the most experienced farmers in the UK, each one of them will tell you that they are dependent on the weather. It is outside our control and I am sure that if we were in charge it would descend into chaos, each one of us would be looking at what was best for me and the choices would vary according to what we are doing! The potato farmers would be wanting more rain at specific times, the cereal farmers would be wanting more sun at specific times, the ice cream vendors would be wanting sun, the gardeners amongst us would be saying what they wanted and so we could go on.

We live in a world of change. Coming up to the elections, we as a country will make a decision as to who we would like to be in power in Westminster. This choice will be based perhaps on a track record of

delivering policies or on promises of what they can deliver in the future.

Do the times and the seasons not make us wonder who or what is really in control in the world?

In the last edition of Littleport Life the Reverend Howard Robson was talking about space exploration and the amazing things that man is discovering and said "Rather than look for God at the edges of the universe, we could simply start right where we are"! What better place to start than looking around the village at the fields and the gardens.

In the first book in the bible (Genesis) we have these words written

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and Summer and Winter, and day and night shall not cease."

What a statement and as we reflect and look around us we have the evidence that this is true!

If you would like to find out more about the One who made this statement and other statements that have stood the test of time, then why not join us at the Vine Community Church, Globe Lane on a Sunday at 10.30am & 6.30pm or our Coffee Break on a Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30 to find out more.

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AWARD FOR PLAYERS

The Littleport Players have been a feature and focus in the village for many years, but the focus on our local group has been on a national level recently, when they won a prestigious National Operatic Dramatic Association award.

The theatre group picked up the award for Best Technical (costumes, set and makeup) for their production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

Several members attended the awards ceremony in St Ives to receive the award. Becky Green, Chair, said: "We knew we had been nominated and we were absolutely thrilled to have won - it is such an achievement for the group and definitely some great news for Littleport. Well done everyone!"

The first ever show put on by the players was 'Aladdin' - a 'potted pantorhyme' with the whole performance performed in meter and rhyme. One such member of that group - a drama student in his final GCSE year was Nick Brown, at only 15 he played the part of Aladdin's arch enemy Abanaza.

Of course Nick is now better known as Senior Minister of the local Spiritualists' Church and Chair and Layout Editor of this Magazine, but he does look very fondly upon his time on the stage and attributes his involvement in the group as being a key factor behind his continued community interaction. In one particular show, he played 'Puss' in Puss in Boots, the third Panto put on by the group a



few years later, alongside Players' current Chair, Becky Green, as you will see from the picture.

Do you fancy being on stage or helping out backstage? The Littleport Players are always looking for new members. So whether you love treading the boards or building sets, props, painting scenery, make up or anything theatrical then please email rebekah.g@tesco.net. We welcome anyone from age 11+ and previous experience is not a necessity but a love of the theatre world is! Previous productions from Littleport Players include Romeo and Juliet, Les Miserables, Return to the Forbidden Planet, Disco Inferno, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and many other musicals, plays and pantomimes.

PANTOMIME – DECEMBER 2015

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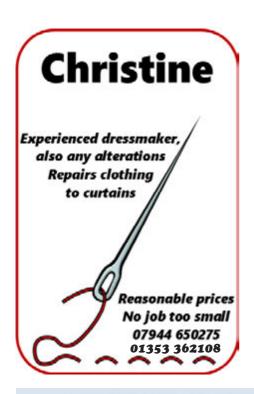


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TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST – INFLATABLES DAY
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TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER – INFLATABLES DAY

Most sessions are for children aged 6 years to 13 years, although some sessions will be targeted at younger children as well.

Times and costs are still to be confirmed but all details will be on our website www.littleportleisure.com and they will also be published on both of our facebook pages 'Clare Andrea Leisure-Events' and 'Littleport Leisure Centre'

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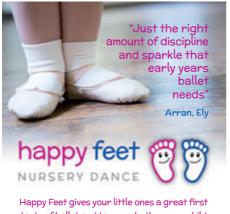
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF TIMEBANK CHILDLINE/NSPCC SUCCESS

"I am so delighted with the hard work of all our local Littleport Timebank volunteers and the fantastic turn out that made our Childline/NSPCC Charity Event at the Children's Centre in Parsons Lane such a success," said a delighted Littleport Timebank Co-ordinator Caline Easey who announced that they had raised £451.54.

"Local traders and individuals providing generous donations for our raffle and tombola boosted the coffers," said Caline. "I just wanted to thank Littleport Timebank who did an amazing job keeping our children entertained", said Fae Wood, one of the many local mothers

who attended with her four children.

The whole morning was packed with entertainment as a steady stream of Mums and Dads and Grandparents turned up with their children who loved having their faces painted, being entertained by 'Mrs Melody', enjoying circus skills performers courtesy of Stuart Barber; Founder, Training and Programme Developer of Doody's Educational Workshop from Bishop's Stortford, and Mr King who made various items out of waste material, plus stuffing their faces with homemade cake, and feeding the gentle Alpacas who came from Stephen Cole's local Alpaca Lifestyle Farm.



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ARTS ARE ALIVE IN LITTLEPORT LIBRARY!

On March 24th Littleport Library played host to its first Arts Alive in Libraries event, a performance of two M R James ghost stories by local actor, Robert Lloyd Parry.

I am delighted to say that the feedback from the forty seven strong audience was also extremely positive;

"Excellent, atmospheric, very entertaining and spine chilling!"; "So nice to come to something local and affordable."; "Really enjoyable performance. Extremely good value!"; "Hope there are more events like this."

Our thanks go to the wonderful Arts Alive in Littleport Library Advisory Group who



not only helped plan and publicise the event, but supplied props and helped us set up for the performance. We are especially grateful to the Rev. Robson for the loan of St George's Church's staging and Young People Littleport for supplying the 50 chairs needed on the night.

Our second event, which took place on Friday 24th April, couldn't have been more different - a 1950s-inspired evening centred round a screening of the sing-along version of the film Grease. Several members of the audience dressed up and, judging from the takings, everyone enjoyed the bar with its 1950's-inspired bottled drinks and popcorn. Our special thanks go to Nathan Jones who, amongst his many other talents, is a great barman and to Susan Leonard (Cambridgeshire Libraries) who was the lynch-pin for both events.

The majority of the audience not only gave the event 5 out of 5, but said that they wanted to see more. This has inspired us to book with ADeC for another sing-a-long film show on Friday 3rd July. As I write, it looks as though this could be Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, but this has not been confirmed so please look out for further details. Tickets (£3) will be available from Littleport Library. Before that we have a Spray-Can Art Workshop that will run over three dates -Saturday 27th June (1:30-4:30pm), Tuesday 11th and 18th August (11:00am-4:00pm). The first session will be an opportunity to meet the artist, Simon Mitchell, to learn more about this versatile art-form and to discuss how it

can be used to create images that reflect how the Littleport residents see their town; both its heritage and the diversity of its present community.

After the first session people will be able to choose which workshop they would like to attend in August. The panels they help to create will hopefully be displayed in a variety of venues around the town including the St George's Church.

A selection of them will eventually find a permanent home in Littleport Library. Tickets for the June session are free, then £3 (including refreshments, but not lunch) for the August workshop. They are available, along with further details, from Littleport Library.

Louise Aldridge
Community Engagement Librarian

YPL HOSTS FREE DRAMA CLASSES WITH CLASS ACT, MARKTUNSTALL!

Mark Tunstall has been a professional actor for over twenty years, including lead roles in television, film, theatre and radio. You may be aware if you're a soap fan that he played Adam Leigh in Brookside.

Recently Mark was Head of Drama at The Pauline Quirke Academy and this included teaching voice and speech lessons, acting techniques, monologue work, movement, modern and classical text work, sight reading, warm-up skills and directing the end of year showcases and stage productions throughout.

He is also a fully qualified instructor for Trinity College London Drama and Speech Examinations all Grades and levels.

He told Littleport Life: "For the last two years I have been teaching secondary

education subjects alongside my role at the PQA; particularly drama at Cottenham, St Bede's, Chatteris, Comberton and Chesterton Community College for Randstad Education. I also work for Protocol Education in a similar capacity. My approach and teaching ethos is simple, but effective; build trust, inspire confidence, gain respect to induce discipline and constantly monitor skills, weaknesses and maintain constant progress and development."

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(Younger ages considered)

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Mobile: 07445496887 markjtunstall@gmail.com

Mark aims to help with GCSE Drama; Warm-up Techniques; Voice and Speech Training; Sight Reading/Improvisation; Advanced Acting Techniques; Casting Techniques; Audition Coaching and Guidance in Securing an Agent Rehearsal for an Annual Stage Show.

A BLOOMIN' GOOD TIME AT THE FLOWER CLUB!

There are always interesting talks and demonstrations of flower arranging skills at Littleport's Flower Club.

When the listed demonstrator, Heather Shaw, was unfortunately not well enough to fulfil her engagement for the Flower Club's meeting in May, the amazingly talented Jo Poulter stepped in to the breach.

A student of art history, Jo is famed for her floral depictions of the pictures painted by the Old Masters.

Had she been inclined, Jo could have made her name as a comic raconteur, keeping her audience riveted to her floristry while they were constantly amused — with ripples of laughter echoing round the Village Hall — by her gentle anecdotes about her life while she created her own floral master pieces; like taking her





two sons to school now her daughter is away studying and saying nothing on the journey and waiting to see whether they would actually talk to her.

They didn't. Or about why people don't seem to like wearing flat orange coloured shoes like hers... 'Ducks feet' come to mind she opined, and how her 'deodorant might be wearing off' after applying it after her workout and shower 'hours ago'. There were a few salient questions asked during Ms Poulter's extremely informative presentation of her art that added to the general knowledge of the happy attendees. Six pictures were chosen; two were of an actual flower arrangement, Balthasar van der Ast's 'Dutch Still Life' and Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers', then there was the 'Birth of Venus' aka 'Venus rising from the sea' by Botticelli, 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' by Japanese artist Hokusai and the tropical canvas, 'Polynesian Girls'





by French ex-pat Paul Gaugin. Pictured left is Jo's interpretation of the 'Descent from the Cross' chosen by Jo as appropriate for her demonstration which was in Ascension week.

When creating the floral arrangement depicting the famous goddess Jo told us that the painting was in fact anatomically incorrect. There were obviously too many vertebrae in her spine, which would have caused the body to collapse - a little known fact among other aspects of those chosen paintings highlighted by Jo as she deftly emplaced foliage and flowers galore.

Newcomers to the Littleport Flower Club were made to feel very welcome by the committee and said they are 'certainly coming next time it was so enjoyable' and with two of them having winning raffle tickets (as did the editor of your magazine) they each went home with one of Jo Poulter's wonderful arrangements!

Lyn Guest de Swarte

FLOWER CLUB TO GROW - NOT GO!

Rumours have been abounding that Littleport & District Flower Arrangement Club was about to close—this is far from the truth and with a new Chair and Committee the first meeting took place on Friday 17th April at the Village Hall, Littleport.

The Club has over the past 18 months lost members due to moving, illness and unfortunately departure from this world. Yes we do need more support from the public, so come on Ladies and indeed gentlemen if they so desire, and join in the joy of flowers and friendship and the artistry of talented demonstrators, who can not only arrange flowers but also are very eloquent Speakers.

On Friday 17th April Barbara Collins from Peterborough, an Area Demonstrator of great talent came to the Club and gave a brilliant demonstration of six arrangements, covering every aspect of Flower Arranging and Design, her flowers were colourful

and designs covered all areas of arranging from your original Constance Spry look to modern and contemporary. Barbara's flowers included beautiful Roses, Spray Roses, Tulips, Gladioli, Birds of Paradise, Liatris, Lisianthus, and wonderful greenery from her Garden and also Wholesalers. The photo shown with this article is Barbara with some of her designs.

The Club had a relaxed happy evening listening to Barbara chatting away about life in general and explaining her designs and demonstrating some leaf manipulation, you sit, you look, you listen and also learn such a lot and then go home and try yourself and if you do not succeed you try again and come along to the next meeting to see and learn more from another Demonstrator.

All the arrangements are raffled off at the end of the evening and 6 lucky people go home with a wonderful display, which you can then say you have done!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th June 2015 - Demonstrations from Members/Committee

- Mid-summer Madness

17th July 2015 - Anne Colby - *All the Good Years* (There will be a Cake Stall at this meeting)

August - No Meeting

18th September - Peggy Vincent - *It's all Booty*

16th October 2015 - Fiona Franklin - Calendar Girls

20th November 2015 - Dulcie Lofting - Spirit of Christmas

10th December 2015 - This is a Practical Evening

January 2016 - No Meeting

19th February 2016 - AGM- with Refreshments

18th March 2016 - Julie Woods - TBA

All of the Demonstrators apart from the June 2015 meeting are Area Demonstrators from NAFAS.



At this meeting it was a taster session for new people who could come along free and sit and enjoy it all and hopefully these people will return at our next meeting and join the Club. The Club is affiliated to NAFAS and all the demonstrators have been trained through their system. The cost of joining the Club at the present time is £22, which is very reasonable - it equates to £2 per session over the year. Visitors are always welcome at the charge of £5. We have a small Sales Table and all the arrangements are raffled, tea/coffee with biscuits are served at the end so you can admire all the arrangements that are on the stage and chat to the Demonstrator if you have any questions, before the raffle takes place.

Please come along and join us, the age group at present is from 45 to 80 but we would be delighted to see some younger elements joining in. You can become a member from the age of 15 upwards, so give us a try one Friday evening, we meet on the 3rd Friday of the month at Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. In May there will also be a plant stall with lots of plants for sale, and all monies raised will go into funds of the Club towards one of our meetings.

We also do try the odd workshop where you can do hands on and be guided by some of the Members and Committee. If you would like further information please contact Pam Hayes on: 01353 860102 or Pam Sole on: 01353 863421 either of them will be pleased to speak with you.

Pam Hayes Chair on behalf of the Committee and Members



ROTARY CLUB OF LITTLEPORT

The Rotary Club in Littleport are an extremely active charitable group who meet every Thursday at 7.30pm for a convivial meal with after-dinner speakers at the renowned Fen House restaurant at 2 Lynn Road CB6 1QG which is just north of the railway station. They are a welcoming group who will be pleased to hear from any prospective Rotarians! Although it is summer they are already considering their annual contribution to the village's Christmas celebrations which includes getting and erecting the Christmas Tree.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Can you help?

EACH, East Anglia's Children's Hospices is a local charity giving care and support to life-threatened Children, Young People and their Families.

This can take place in the local community or at their nearest Hospice, which for Littleport is Milton Hospice. We regularly put on fun events in the community to raise money to provide the valuable care required.

These range from popular big events such as the Milton Gala Day and Fun Dog Show in May, Stretham Charity Bowls Day in August, to collections at your local supermarkets.

You can get involved by coming along to

our events or volunteering your time to help the charity.

The EACH Ely Friends Group committee have regular meetings at which you would not need to attend, but if you are interested in helping out we can send you details of upcoming volunteer opportunities on a regular basis.

You would be very welcome to come along to a meeting to meet me and the committee members and to find out more about EACH.

To find out more about the events in your area or to volunteer your time to help out and make some new friends please contact:

Karen Newton on 01223 205192. Thank You for your support.



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GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE: LITTLEPORT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Littleport Parish Council has very kindly offered to donate the semi circular piece of land just inside the Parsons Lane entrance of Littleport New Cemetery, to the Littleport Branch of the Royal British Legion. This is for a Garden of Remembrance for all the men and women of Littleport who were killed, wounded, or disabled as a result of any military conflict since 3 August 1914.

The Branch is in the process of drawing up plans for suitable plantings for the garden and for the inclusion of possible appropriate memorials. As this is intended to be a public Garden of Remembrance the people of Littleport are invited to contribute to the design and to the cost. The Branch committee would welcome ideas that the public may have for the design of the Garden; accepting that the branch committee has the final say on which ideas are used. Suggestions should

keep in mind the location and size of the Garden. Please note that all donations towards the cost will remain anonymous. Work on the Garden will start in Spring 2016 so that plants will be established in time to commemorate the Centenary of the signing of the Armistice of the Great War on 11 November 2018.

If you would like to submit suggestions for the design please submit them, in writing — with diagrams as necessary, to Garth McGowen, Vice Chairman, Littleport RBL, 5 Upton Place, Littleport. Contributions towards the cost, preferably in the form of cheques made payable to 'Littleport Royal British Legion', can be sent to the same address.

Thank you.

Garth McGowen
Vice Chairman
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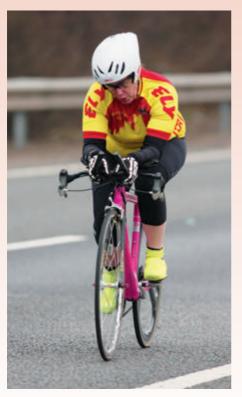
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LITTLEPORT LIFE HAS TAKEN A LOOK AT ELY AND DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB

With some members from littleport, they hold club time trial events on Tuesday evenings between April and August, these vary in distance from 8 to 25 miles, either on out and back or circuit courses. We have two club runs at the weekend, Saturday, 9am from Witchford VC, and Sunday, 9am from the Paradise Sports Centre, both rides are between 40 and 60 miles and are out for approximately 3-4 hours, a café stop is normally included.



The club also promotes cycling as a sport in the Ely area and is open to anyone who wishes to take up cycling either as a leisure rider or more serious athlete.

Club History...

Following a 60 mile sponsored cycle ride, organised by former members of the Ely City Road Club (which folded on 13th February 1957), it was felt that there was, once again, a need for a cycling club in the City.

A club room with gymnasium facilities was offered by Centre E, the local youth club for Tuesday evenings, with club runs on Sunday mornings. Following several meetings the name of the club was settled as — Ely & District Cycling Club. Officials were appointed and a set of rules drawn up. Mention must be made here of the help, assistance and guidance of the stalwart of the Newmarket & District CC — Mike Dorling, who has remained a good friend of the club ever since.

For the 1971 season a programme of club trials was drawn up and has continued every year since gradually evolving into the current programme. Subscriptions were fixed at 10/- (50p) for Seniors and 5/- for Juniors. A major expense was saved when the trophies of Ely City Road were passed on to the club, along with the magnificent sum of £1, all that was left of the finances of the old club.

From those early days, it developed into today's successful club, promoting Open Time Trials, then Open Road races and Open Grass Track racing followed.

National Championships have been promoted, first on Grass Track and in June 1994 the Ladies National 25 mile championship on the Chatteris course. Over the years the club has produced a national grass track champion – Mark Zaschke. Success has followed in road racing and time trialing – Alan Newark taking a World Championship gold medal in age related Veterans World Cup events. Numerous other club members have won area and local titles in all disciplines of our sport.

We have had over 40 years as the Ely & District Cycling Club and with the help of the club members, young and not so young, we look forward to many more happy and successful years ahead.

Ely & District Cycling Club is affiliated to: British Cycling (BC), Cycling Time Trials (CTT), and Eastern Counties Cycling Association (ECCA).

For information please contact Derek Ricketts on 07969 511 854 or e-mail Club Captain

The weekends will now see three club runs, on Saturday, there will be two group rides leaving from Witchford Village College at 9am. The quicker group will leave 10 minutes later.

On Sunday morning, the starting place for the club run will be from Ely Paradise Centre at 9am

All rides will include a café stop and the routes will be posted on Fridays on the Facebook page, and on the website.

A few guidelines for new riders: When on the ride, if any one is finding the pace a little much, get a message to the riders on the front; we will ease the pace off. Please don't be embarrassed to do this; we've all been there, some of us a lot of times.

Please make sure your bike is in good working order, full mudguards would be

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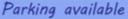
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We hope to meet up straight after halfterm on 3rd June at the YPL Centre at 7.30pm. Hopefully we will see the facilities being offered by YPL and then we will discuss what we want it to be like, what we are going to do, who is going to do it and then get going to make it happen as soon as possible.

If you are interested in finding out more, or want to be involved and/or have previous experience in running a Youth Group, please come on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30 pm, YPL Centre, Granby Street, Littleport CB6 1NE.

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70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION VE DAY



Friday 15th May 2015 YPL celebrated the 70th Anniversary of VE Day, a great night was had by all.

Pictured you can see that numerous volunteers transformed the YPL Indoor Arena from an Auction house into a great meeting place in preparation for the celebration of VE Day.

The evening was well attended and enjoyed by all. There was a prize for the best dressed female and male. This was won by Jim and Joan. Joan had made her own outfit.

With live entertainment from; Saxy Al, Big Ron Tee, Peter Hicken, the star of the show was Jill Daniels., who sang some Vera Lynn songs where everyone joined in, as well as a sing along with Big Ron Tee. YPL would like to thank everyone for their support.

Also, during the interval David, pictured before and after, raised money for Cancer Research by having all his hair cut off.

















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Why not become part of what has always been a pleasurable past time and which has been played in Littleport village since the 1920's.

Today it is a thriving sport which attracts many enthusiasts of all ages, and down the years Littleport have been and still are a very successful club who can boast of national and international players. In May this year the club enjoyed success in two competitions courtesy of double winner Phil Howe who singularly won the Rogers Drive Trophy and pairing up with David Sherman took the Jack Barrett Trophy.

Just look on their new Facebook page and/ or their website www.littleportbowlsclub. co.uk for more information about competitions, forthcoming social events and more in depth information about the club that has a welcome for anyone who wishes to become part of this historic club.

For more enquiries you can always contact their Secretary Stewart Rogers by email secretary@littleportbowlsclub. co.uk or phone him on 01353 861963. They are always on the lookout for new members and players.

LITTLEPORT YOUTH BIKE CLUB

New Members Always Welcome!

Littleport Youth Bike Club allows local kids to learn motorcycle repairs and good life skills in a fun safe environment.

If you can help the club out by donating any old motorbikes, spare parts, tools or small financial donations then it will allow the project to keep running and allow us to offer this unique opportunity to others.

Littleportyouthbike.co.uk
Age range from 13-18 years
All staff have DBS checks
Collection available

Contact the club via the website or find us on Facebook.



LYBC STALL AT CROWNING AROUND

TRIKEFEST 2015



The yearly Trikefest came to Littleport's Leisure Centre with many showing off their amazing purpose-built machines which were to be seen and heard cruising round the village all over the Whitsun long weekend.

Throughout the four days there was non-stop entertainment which included music from Hotter Than Hell (Kiss Tribute Band), Nightfuel, Egypt and The Mighty Scotch Chocolate plus a Custom Show, Rally Games and a Ride Out on Sunday afternoon.

An awards ceremony also took place Saturday evening and one of the categories the Best Club Turnout' which has been won every year by Brothers of the Third Wheel UK Chapter (BTW-UK) was this year awarded to 4Wheels.

Littleport's very own Graham Butcher with his trusty camera took some fantastic

pictures which you can enjoy in this issue of Littleport Life.

Also if you are interested on Friday 7th to Sunday 9th of August at the Leisure Centre, the Cambs & District Looney Club are celebrating their 30th year by holding their 8th 'Out Of The Asylum' event alias the Custom and Classic Bike and Trike Show with D&L Disco and Black



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"I must say I was dreading having all my hair taken off, but it has all been worth it. My girlfriend Shannon thinks I'm cool, and my Mum is pretty proud of me right now," said 20 year old Kurt Lee, who became one of the four brave men to have all their hair shaved off for charity during the May Day holiday weekend spectacular set up by the 363 MotorCycle Club's Crowning Around event at the Crown Inn which raised over £4,000 for various local causes

Previously known as the "Egg Heads" when first shorn, now sporting smart short smart hair, Kurt Lee, Stein Stubbings, Giles Philbey, well-known Littleport Brass Band

Tuba player, who all work at Littleport's McColl's retail shop, plus one of Littleport's 363 MotorCycle Club members Donald Bissett, pulled off a brilliant charity stunt having their precious locks bagged and given to a charity called "Little Princess Trust Hair Donation" which is based in Hove and make wigs for cancer stricken children to wear during their courses of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

"We have raised about £1,000 for Cancer Research UK", said Kurt, a charity which is close to his heart after losing his grandfather Robert (Bob) Lee to prostate cancer just last October.



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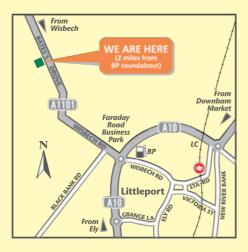
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LITTLEPORT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

'Spread Your Wings and Fly' LCPS Headteacher: John Cattermole

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Through an engaging, relevant and creative curriculum, combined with exciting and inspirational learning opportunities, we aim to give our pupils a 'love of learning' and 'curiosity about the World' which needs to be nurtured in childhood.

We want our children to have the self-confidence to make mistakes, take risks, solve problems, grow as learners, develop skills, improve their knowledge and communicate well to give them every possible opportunity of being happy, successful, empathetic, global citizens of the twenty-first century.

We are committed to developing an exciting learning community for everyone - where children, families, staff, professionals, governors and the whole community can succeed.

We want everyone associated with our school to be able to 'spread their wings and fly'.

LCPS Values

Children were asked to think about the initials 'L.C.P.S' as part of the work on 'School Values' and our school logo and motto, and came up with words that

begin with these letters that sum up what life is all about at Littleport Community Primary School.

We shared the suggestions with Staff, Governors and our elected pupil representatives on the School Council, and everyone voted for the best words.

Finally, our School Values were determined as:

- L Learning and Laughing
- C Creative and Challenging
- P Persevering and Proud
- S Self-motivated and Successful

We are very proud of these values, as the words have been created by the whole school community and they sum up perfectly what we want our learning experiences to be like and how we want our pupils to be.

These values underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy, citizens, and learners for life.



HEADTEACHER: JOHN CATTERMOLE

DEDICATED TO LEARNING AT MILLFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

All members of our school staff are committed to our aim of providing the very best learning opportunities and education for the children in our care, enabling them to achieve well, both academically and socially, and to become responsible and valuable members of our community.

We believe, through a nurturing ethos, children grow in confidence and curiosity and, with excellent teaching and learning opportunities, they will develop the social, emotional and academic skills to be successful not only here at Millfield, but as they move on to the next stage of their education and on into life.

Children are at the heart of our broad and balanced curriculum. We have chosen a skills and enquiry based approach to learning, which enables the children to apply their English and Maths skills and knowledge within a highly motivating context, called a 'Learning Challenge'. At the start of every Learning Challenge, the children think carefully about what they know already and then identify questions they want to find the answers to- these questions, along with the national curriculum programmes of study, drive the focus, and direction of each Learning Challenge. Music, the arts and sport also play an important role in developing the 'whole child' and at Millfield these are highly valued. Learning does not only take place within the school day. At Millfield, we recognise and value the place of residential visits and we run a number of extra-curricular activities, covering a very wide range of interests.

All this can only truly be achieved by building a close and effective partnership with parents and other members of the community.

We pride ourselves on having strong relationships with parents, governors, volunteers and other professionals so that we put in place the best possible provision for our children. If you would like to make an enquiry or arrange to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Deborah Hannaford

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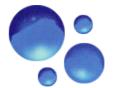
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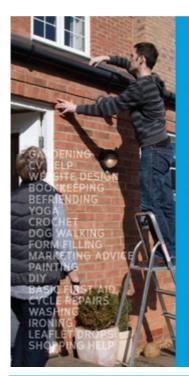
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TAKING A LOOK AT LOCAL VETS with Roving Reporter Cathy Gibb...

Jo Johnson and Cathy Scott opened their practice in Littleport's Lynn Road in 2013. They also have a large practice in Witchford in what used to be Needhams Restaurant.

Cathy Scott is not a newcomer to Littleport as she was with the old Bankside practice, that then became the Isle Veterinary Group Limited who are situated in West Fen Road, Ely and about whom you can find out a bit further on in this report.

"Cathy and Jo are very well known within the locality and have plenty years of veterinarian experience," said one of their practice colleagues, Cambridge University veterinary graduate, Edinburgh born Rachel Shaw-Edwards, who had previously worked with Cathy when they were both practicing at the Stowe Veterinary Group in Stowmarket.

Another veterinary surgeon, Shanika Winters, also works with Cathy and Rachel in both practices.

I have to admit in the interest of fair play regarding the fact that I am reporting on two veterinary practices not one, that in the case of Johnson and Scott they are the vets I use. Like anyone else I tend to stay with a particular vet or doc or grocer etc! I can tell you a little story about my experience because we had to make one of the most hard decisions in our lives to have our 16½ year old Jack Russell, Holly, put to sleep on March 23rd this year, which you can imagine is a traumatic time in any pet owner's life. Both Rachel and their receptionist cum Ely and District Cat Protection Treasurer, member of Soham & District Pony Club and foster for hand

reared kittens, Lesley Murdoch, were there at the Littleport practice in Lynn Road in the afternoon to assist us in what turned out in the end to be one of the most moving but peaceful moments for all concerned.

"Holly had so many health issues and with everything stacked up against her she was just so ready to go", Rachel told me in this interview. She had only known Holly for a couple of years in the latter days of her life but continued, "Holly was a pretty awesome dog. She would come in with yet another problem, but she would sort of nonchalantly shrug it off and just got on with whatever life threw at her. All animals may have the same problem, but not all are the same and their needs are all different.



Their pet is a very important part of someone's life. They are part of the family, and that is why I came into treating small animals as opposed to large animals like horses. I like the human and domestic animal bond which really fascinates me. The human medics' belief is to 'preserve life', whereas we as vets take the view of 'protecting the animal's welfare'. You may think that both philosophies are not that much different really," concluded Rachel, whose life she says would be incomplete without her border collie Grayling, who accompanies her on many mountainous walks!

Receptionist and local resident, Lesley, is also an animal lover above and beyond the call of duty. Not one to put her feet up after a hectic time working at the vets, she's usually seen travelling everywhere with her 2 year old yellow Labrador Harvey who competes in various fly ball competitions in a team aptly called 'Relentless'.

A vet's life is always a busy one and not every day is the same. It can be very unpredictable, and they have to be pretty prepared for a full day of consultations, operations, emergencies, as well as blood tests and standard treatments.

Rachel, who teaches and competes in modern jive in her spare time, has also now completed the foundation course with the Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists and offers acupuncture for dogs, cats and rabbits which is purely for pain relief purposes, and there have been some good results because of it.

"Acupuncture originates from traditional Chinese medicine and vets now have a much better understanding as to why and how it works. Acupuncture has been shown to stimulate nerves, increase blood flow, release natural pain relieving

chemicals and stimulate local healing and relieves conditions like arthritis and back pain," stated Rachel who told Littleport Life Magazine that she is really looking forward to meeting, greeting and helping all her clients and their pets particularly in Littleport and become part of village life once more.

Johnson & Scott were delighted to announce that because of an increase of patients coming through their doors, they were able to expand their Witchford premises by converting more rooms into operating theatre space and a state of the art cat ward, as well as upgrading their x-ray facilities.

I am pleased to report that despite the shared upset of Holly's passing, only a couple of months later, vet Rachel and receptionist Lesley have had the pleasure of meeting and cuddling our new family addition – the adorable but mischievous fluffy Jack Russell Cross Lhaso Apso, Daisy, who had to have all the usual puppy procedures done including being microchipped.

CATHY TAKES A LOOK AT THE ISLE VETS AND THEIR EXCELLENT FACILITIES A LITTLE FURTHER AFIELD

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ON SONG IN LITTLEPORT!

Littleport Lyrics are a group of singers with an age range of 60 to 85 who enjoy entertaining in various care homes as well as performing for charity events - the last show saw them raise almost £400 for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

It took me two weeks to track this group down having turned up at the Village Hall to find it locked and then thinking it might be meeting in the Methodist Church and hearing nothing happening there as I tried that too. Eventually I tracked down one of their members: "We now practice every Friday from 4.30 pm at a member's house in Littleport which is more convenient for us," said Maggie Gate who informed Littleport Life that they had been going for roughly five years and are on the lookout for a pianist as their previous musician had to quit because of personal reasons.

"We can sing acapella (unaccompanied) but it would nice if we could find a pianist", said Maggie.

So if you would like to play for the Littleport Lyrics, or know someone who would, please get in touch with them.

One of the Lyrics' founder members Sukie Rix revealed how their group came about "We put an advert in Littleport Life Magazine and the response was very well received."

They were also given an amount of money from Waitrose's community funding scheme which helped them to pay for their previous pianist who came from Godmanchester.

Sukie also said that she would be happy to hear from any willing pianist out there. So if you are a competent musician please give her a call on 01353 860140.



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05	The Crown Inn - Colonel Gomez	
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07	Leisure Centre – Open/Fun Day	10.00 am-5.00 pm
13	Leisure Centre – Newmarket Dog Show	All Day
13	Leisure Centre – Prize Bingo	6.30 pm
13	The Crown Inn – Dale Taylor	
14	Leisure Centre - Newmarket Dog Show	All Day
14	Leisure Centre – Roast Carvery	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm
14	Leisure Centre - Quiz Night for Scouts & Guides	7.00 pm
17	Leisure Centre - Prize Bingo	6.30 pm
20	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Mel Stevens	8.45 pm
20	Leisure Centre - TA Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
21	Leisure Centre - TA Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
27	Leisure Centre - Race Night In Aid Of Kenya Trip	8.00 pm
28	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm
28	The Crown Inn – John Barry as Johnny Cash	3 pm – 6 pm
JULY	,	
3	Leisure Centre - Texas 'Em Poker Tournament	7.30 pm
3	The Crown Inn – Foam Party	
4	Ex-Servicemen's Club – The Business	8.45 pm
4	Leisure Centre - TA Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
4	Leisure Centre - Family Disco	6.30 pm – 10.00 pm
5	Leisure Centre - TA Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
5	Leisure Centre - Judo Competition	9.00 am - 4.00 pm
5	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm - 2.00 pm
8	Leisure Centre - Prize Bingo	6.30 pm
10	The Crown Inn - Revival	
11	Leisure Centre - Reggae Night – Live Music With Ziggy	8.00 pm
12	Leisure Centre - EABCC Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
12	Leisure Centre - Quiz Night In Aid Of Camsar	7.00 pm
18	Ex-Servicemen's Club – DM Roadshow final disco	
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18	Leisure Centre - EABCC Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
18	Leisure Centre - Prize Bingo	6.30 pm
18	The Crown Inn – Rock Out	
19	Leisure Centre - EABCC Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day
19	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

24	Leisure Centre - Blood Donor Sessions	Am & Pm			
25	The Crown Inn – Iron Fist	8.30 pm - late			
25	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Soul & Motown	8.45pm			
26	The Crown Inn - Thomas Bainbridge	3.00 pm – 6 pm			
26	Leisure Centre - Littleport 10k Run	10.45 am			
31	Leisure Centre - Texas 'Em Poker Tournament	7.30 pm			
AUGUST					
1	Leisure Centre - TA Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day			
1	Leisure Centre - Family Disco	6.30 pm – 10.00 pm			
1	The Crown Inn - Rick Young	p			
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2	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm – 2.00 pm			
2	Leisure Centre - Quiz Nite In Aid Of Littleport Players	7.00 pm			
8	Leisure Centre - Prize Bingo	6.30 pm			
9	Leisure Centre - Loonies Club (Bikers Group)	All Day			
9	Leisure Centre - Carpet Bowls Tournament (Indoors)	All Day			
11	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Retro	8.45 pm			
15	The Crown Inn - Bondy				
16	Leisure Centre - ECSSC Dog Show (Indoors)	All Day			
16	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm – 2.00 pm			
19	Leisure Centre - Prize Bingo	6.30 pm			
22	The Crown Inn - Hush				
23	Leisure Centre - Quiz Nite For Boots Ely Chosen Charity	7.00 pm			
28	Leisure Centre - Orchard Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day			
28	Leisure Centre - Texas 'Em Poker Tournament	7.30 pm			
29	Ex-Servicemen's Club – Mark Steel	8.45pm			
29	Leisure Centre - Orchard Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day			
29	The Crown Inn - Ziggy				
30	Leisure Centre - Orchard Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day			
30	Leisure Centre - Roast Carvery	12.30 pm – 2.00 pm			
31	Leisure Centre - Orchard Agility Dog Show (Outdoors)	All Day			
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2	Leisure Centre - Psychic Supper	6.30 pm			
5	Ex-Servicemen's Club – The Fedz	8.45pm			
5	Leisure Centre - Family Disco	6.30 pm – 10.00 pm			

8.45pm

The Crown Inn – Last Sunday of the month
 3 pm to 6 pm +
 Live Entertainment – Normally 8.30 pm til late.

Ex-Servicemen's Club - Take 2

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USEFUL CONTACTS				
Cambs County Council	General Enquiries	03450 455200		
	Highways Department	03450 455212		
	Street lighting (Balfour Beatty)	01954 233322		
Citizen's Advice Bureau	Ely Branch	0844 2451292		
East Cambs.	Main Switchboard	01353 665555		
District Council	Out of hours emergencies	07710 978900		
	Report Fly Tipping: Mark Mehaffey	01353 665555		
Utilities – (Emergencies)	Anglian Water	0845 7145145		
	EDF Energy (Electricity)	0800 7838838		
	Transco (Gas)	0800 111999		
Medical	N.H.S. Direct	0845 4647		
	Princess of Wales Hospital	01353 652000		
	Dentist Michael Young	0844 3756454		
Parish Council	Enquiries, Village Hall hire, Allotments	01353 860449		
Police	Enquiries / non urgent crime	101		
	Chief Inspector Russ Waterston			
	D.I.Donna Wass, Inspector Paul Ormerod			
	Sgt Will Davis, PCSO Jonathan Hall			
Samaritans	If you need help	0845 7909090		
Schools	Littleport Community Primary	01353 860235		
	Millfield Primary	01353 861612		

Medical Centre: Contact Details, Opening Hours and Clinics

St George's Medical Centre is located at Parsons Lane, Littleport, CB6 1JU
The Surgery telephone number is 01353 864100

Surgeries are by appointment only which can be booked by telephoning, attending in person or online (register for online services first). Ring before 10am for essential home visits.

Surgery Opening Hours are:

Monday to Friday 8.00am – 12.30pm 1.15pm – 6pm Saturday & Sunday CLOSED For medical emergencies outside of normal surgery hours, call 999, or the surgery number 01353 864100 to be put through to the out of hours service.

Connections Cancer Club

Connections Cancer Club is a small friendly group of people who meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at The Day Centre, Littleport Village Hall from 10:00 to 12:00pm

We offer support, friendship and time to those families affected by cancer in any way. We have planned some social events in the near future. Why not come along and join us, bring your ideas and have a chat over a cup of tea!

Contact: Bey & Sue Scott: 01353 860356

























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