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Welcome

The team at Littleport Life are pleased to welcome you to the latest edition of your own magazine. There is a definite nip in the air – so it must be the autumn issue!

You will find lots of interesting people and places, loads of adverts for great local goods and services, and not-to-be missed events listed.

Littleport is such a busy and diverse village that we can't squeeze everybody and all the local activities in – but we have done our best to bring you as much as possible.

Don't forget that there is a weekly column just for Littleport every Thursday in the Ely Standard – lots of Facebook pages as well as our own Littleport Life Magazine, like Littleport Notice Board, Littleport Village Voices, Littleport Parish Council and more besides when you search 'Littleport' on social media and the internet.

If you would like to write about your own group, individual activities or want to advertise, please get your material to us asap for inclusion in the next issue of your Littleport Life community magazine.

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Littleport Remembers In November

The annual Remembrance Day parade and service is on Sunday November 13th and will march off as it does every year after assembling at the Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club in the morning.

All community groups and parish councillors participate, with Littleport Brass Band leading the way.

The band rehearses all year round of course, and apart from other distinguished concert appearances is always more high profile during the week in which Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day falls.

The British Legion Remembrance Sunday

November 13 2016

Littleport Armistice Parade & Service

10:00am-12:00pm

Our annual parade & service for Armistice Sunday.

Service to be held at St.George's Church, Littleport

1. Parade: from Littleport Ex-Servicemens Club in Ponds Hill to St.George's Church
2. Armistice Service and sounding of the Last Post
3. Wreath laying on the green outside St.George's Church and sounding of the Last Post
4. Parade back to the Ex-Servicemens Club



Littleport Brass Band rehearsal

363MCC Gets the Money!

The 363 MCC are as well known for their charity fund raising as for their immaculate bikes and leathers. Back in May the club held their annual commemorative fund-raising for charity event called Crowning Around at the Crown Inn on Littleport's Main Street.

The bikers assembled again at the Crown on an auspicious weekend in the following month to present cheques for the cash raised.

President Mark Robinson gave £3,000 to East Anglian Air Ambulance represented by Ms Mary Dunn, and £1,000 to Mr David Porter, a trustee of Adams Heritage Centre, who is with PULSE. This is the local fundraising committee providing defibrillator equipment for the St George's Medical Centre in Littleport.



On behalf of all members of the 363MCC president Mark Robinson presents cheques to David Porter (PULSE) and Mary Dunn (East Anglian Air Ambulance)

200th Anniversary Day of Remembrance

This was the day after a very special memorial service held in Ely on the anniversary weekend of a day of remembrance for the five Littleport Martyrs hung 200 years before for their part in what had been a fenland wide uprising. These

were spontaneous protests at the starvation and privation everyone who relied on work from the land was suffering after the end of the Napoleonic wars.

A riot started in Littleport and became a determined if unruly march on Ely. It ended in arrests and a trial in Ely; a public execution on June 28, and a burial on Saturday June 29 1816.

None of them had done anything that would warrant execution. They had been driven to the end of their tethers, and after a rampage along with many others, 82 were arrested. 19 were condemned, then sentences commuted to prison or transportation to Van Diemen's Land now Australia.



Littleport Riot Women's Morris



363MCC in procession

Many people from Littleport including Littleport Rotary walked in procession from the old Ely Goal, now a museum, where the men were held. Aably guided by Deborah Curtis-Watson throughout the morning, first stop was Ely Cathedral green to listen to the Commoners Choir. Distinguished members of Littleport parish council past and present and other community activists of all political parties and persuasions were present to remember and pay tribute. Members of the 363MCC formed and named in honour of the Littleport Rioters provided a guard of honour.

Today's Littleport people then continued in a slow walk, with the women of the Littleport Riot Morris Side who danced along with them, to St Mary's Churchyard, where the 363MCC had parked their bikes, for a short service. Littleport's Kathryn Buck gave a heart-wrenching performance of 'When I am laid in earth' by Purcell and those attending sang Jerusalem together after a short prayer by Rev David Newton behind the closed back door in the open air service.

Flowers were laid under the Littleport men's head stone that is placed high up on the church wall. Their mass grave is unmarked.

Descendants of John Dennis (of the same name) William Beamiss the elder, Isaac Harley and Thomas South, all carried banners with their martyred forebears' names on. Mark Robinson carried his for George Crow.

The 363MCC will be attending various rallies and meetings this year and are looking forward to next year's Crowning Around charity fundraiser on May 6th at the Crown Inn, Littleport.



Deborah Curtis-Watson MC's the Riot 200 memorial

Littleport Town FC Gets Shirty!

LTFC will be getting shirty with their opponents in more ways than one this season!

With renewed vigour and in optimistic mode, the club and its supporters are looking forward to progress in the coming months.

Local traders, and this magazine, have shown their faith by sponsoring items of kit.

Andy Richardson Floor and Wall Tiling is now among the proud sponsors of Littleport Town FC. His company has sponsored kit, with warm-up jackets from Ben Layn Builders, sub-suits by Ambrose Roofing, and Littleport Life Magazine has sponsored their training shirts.

They kicked off at the beginning of September, spirits undampened by losing a hard-fought match on a rainy day, on their home ground at the Littleport Leisure Centre.

At the club's AGM held at the Plough and Harrow, Chair of Littleport Town FC Bob Bowditch announced: "We are pleased to welcome new Manager Kevin Scarff and player Jamie Gayfer as joint Manager."



Photos by Nick Brown



David and Jenny Ellis are the guiding lights for the Lions Club in Littleport.

The club members have been extremely busy this year organising various charitable ventures, not least of these being the sending of 1200 pairs of pre-used glasses they collected to the national Lions Club Sight First charity.

If you would like to get involved in their fund-raising activities, why not get in touch?

Facebook: Littleport Lions Club.
Phone: 07817 592438/01353 664318.
Email: alfieellis@yahoo.co.uk
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/littleport

The Flower Club welcomes new members

The Club is affiliated to NAFAS and all the demonstrators have been trained through their system. The cost of joining the Club at present time is £22, which is very reasonable – it equates to £2 per session over the year. Visitors are always welcome to visit though, and 'pay on the door' £5. We have a small sales table and all the arrangements are raffled. Tea and coffee with biscuits is 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 34 to 80 but we would be delighted to see some younger people 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 the Village Hall 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

We also do hold 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



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Just a few years ago, the Church of England undertook what it called The Weddings

Project. The project's aims were to raise the church profile on weddings generally, but also to double the number of church weddings in two parishes nationally. Those two parishes were not chosen at random; they were the parish with the least number of church weddings per head of population and the parish with the most church weddings per head of population and they were in Bradford and Oxford respectively. The Project achieved its aim, doubling the number of church weddings in both parishes.

Here at St George's that has set us thinking and our response is to hold a "Wedding Day", well an afternoon, for anyone who wishes to come and find out more about getting married in church. It will be held on Sunday October 9th from 2pm until about 4ish with refreshments provided and anyone, yet to be married, just married, married a long time or just curious is invited to come along. We will look at the history of all those traditions in a wedding (why exactly are there bridesmaids???) and other questions like that.

What is the Law about getting married in England and Wales which we have to keep to wherever we marry, church or elsewhere.

We'll look at the churchy side of a church wedding and what options the couple have when it comes to

planning their big day – did you know you can hire the church room (soon to be repainted) for a small reception or even put a marquee on the tower lawn?

And we will have a "wedding walk through" so people get a chance to appreciate the various parts of the service and why they happen in the way they do.

So, a date for your dairies, Sunday October 9th, 2pm until 4ish for our "Wedding Day Special" at St George's Church.

In other news:

Saturday September 24th is a Craft Fair @ St George's, 10am – 4pm. This is a first for the church and we hope it will be a fantastic day for all you crafters out there to come and see what's going on in the crafting world. If you want to know more please look at the church Facebook or webpage. By the time you read this the Littleport Food bank will be up and running. St George's is very pleased to be part of this initiative which involves many groups from around the community.

And finally, some people are aware that we have had plans to send wireless Broadband from the church tower to the outer reaches of the parish. This has made an excellent start with test users in Black Horse Drove. The signal comes from the Cathedral tower via a relay point in the Fen and if you want to know more, please contact me through the church website.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

THE VINE COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Nancy Collens

It's Sunday and the Vine Church is gathering for its Morning Meeting. Some people come very early, because there are always things to be prepared. So the musicians arrive early to practice; the teachers come to lay out stuff ready for the children; the 'hospitality people' get everything ready to serve tea and coffee, at the end of the meeting.

Gradually people arrive. Some of us come with wheelchairs, walking sticks and walkers; so we are grateful for all the drivers who wait patiently while we make our rather slow way into the building – and they even smile at us, as we hold them up! The children come rushing in seeking their favourite games and favourite people. Old friends are warmly welcomed and there are lots of conversations, all over the building. And gradually, the people of the Vine come together until everyone is here. Then we sing to God and talk to Him; we learn more about Him and share our stories of His goodness to us.

Of course, the building is not used just on Sunday. There are midweek meetings for the church and one of our Small Groups meets there. On Monday morning the Parent and Toddler Group make great use of the whole building. The ladies of the

4Women Group meet together on Tuesday; and on Thursday, anyone who enjoys tea, coffee, conversation and cake, comes along to enjoy Coffee Break. (Details of these and any other events are posted on the church door).

A church is not, however, the building but the people who belong to it. Most of the members live in Littleport; the rest live in Ely and the surrounding villages. We try to be good neighbours and friends, to support all the good things that are happening in Littleport and, in general, to be courteous drivers and pedestrians, local shoppers and good 'Littleportians'.

On Thursday 8 September, we started an 8 week Alpha Course. This course is designed for people who sometimes wonder what are these Christians on about? Is it possible to know what is right and what is wrong? So what will happen to me after I die, or will I just disappear into nothing? If there is a God, is He interested in me and my life?

Why not give it a try? You may find answers to your questions, you may be bored stiff or you may be changed forever – and the food is great!

Greater Littleport & District NSS

Rev'd Nick Brown Senior Minister at Greater Littleport and District NSS presents a look at our Christian Spiritualism by the NSS Principle Minister.

As for the oft debated question of religion and Spiritualism, you need look no further than the Bible..."And these signs shall follow them that believe... they shall lay hands on the sick; and they shall recover." Mark's Gospel, Chapter 16 verses 17-18. Or, "He (they) that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he (they) also; and greater works" John's Gospel, Chapter 14 verse 12.

For Spiritualists, like those early followers of Jesus, like Mark and John, are aware of the absolute truths and solid evidence for those statements.

Much has been made by the detractors of Biblical historicity of the lapse of time between the death of Jesus and the gospel records, their authorage and authenticity. However, as they survived the cull of Niceae in 325, and as Ireneus, (later Saint Ireneus) the Bishop of Lyons, wrote in 178 AD/CE, "Many brethren in the church possess prophetic gifts and speak through the Spirit in all kinds of tongues." We can assume the practices that we associate with Spiritualist religious customs were very much still part of the religious life way back then. The Reverend Maurice G. Elliott who was hopeful of the Established Church to which he belonged embracing the denomination of Spiritualism, and remarking on that in the middle of

the 20th Century said; "The position of key importance which such 'signs and wonders' occupies through the Old Testament is not to be questioned. Separate the story of the Children of Israel from its supernatural phenomena and it becomes entirely meaningless."

Its recorded events were mostly in consequence of communications and manifestations from Spirit through its main 'movers and shakers' those pivotal characters, prophets and seers, who seemed to effortlessly link in to the highest and best in the spirit realms. Throughout the Old Testament to which the texts appertaining to those three millennia are referring, there is also mention of a saviour and deliverer to come...

In the New Testament St Paul himself tells us to try and test the spirits to make sure we are only in touch with the right levels, and says there are many gifts of the spirit including to some the ability to discern spirit. This as we understand means to actually see or perceive them in sundry ways, or to know which are of the Holy Spirit – or of the other variety! As for the Old Testament – it's full of mediums and healers. After Samuel died, King Saul expelled all the mediums and Spiritists (Spiritualists) from the land of Israel. (He thought)

He was under siege by the Philistine army and although he 'enquired of the Lord' and tried divination and had no significant dreams, neither could the prophets help him – in desperation he asked "Find me a woman who is a medium in En Dor". The King went and asked her to conduct a séance which of course was successful. You can read more in the Book of Samuel, Chapter 28.

It is fascinating! And will show you that sometimes being in touch with more highly evolved spirit beings and getting an answer to your question may not cheer you up! But it does emphasise that it is better to live in the present as St Paul

advises and trust in the future with God's help.

As we say, 'Thy will Lord, not my will'.

**Rev'd Lyn
New Spiritualists' Society**

The Salvation Army soldiers on



After an administrative difficulty arose, Majors Bram and Lorraine Holland had to once again retire!

The couple who having served for so long and so well since first becoming members of the church in 1978, retired for the first time in 2006! They had served social centres and churches around the country before settling in at the Whittlesey Citadel

in 1996. Then they answered the call to look after the Littleport community which resulted in a second retirement this year!

Following this departure of the senior officers, the Salvation Army Citadel in City Road has had to cease its lunch club provision, but it is still open every Sunday morning for worship at 11 am.

There is still always a warm welcome. As the Salvation Army says; 'Not only because you need something, but because you have something to be thankful for. We are here for you in your community.'

For other events please see the Ely Standard or visit our website
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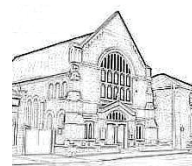
10.45 am – weekly

6.30 pm – weekly except 3rd & 4th Sundays

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7 – 9 year olds
9 – 11 year olds.

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To register your children please contact **Phil** on **07947-823-446** or **01353-864-611** or email: **yplittleport@btinternet.com** with your child's name and age; your name; telephone number and email address. Or you can drop into either

the YPL Centre or YPL Indoor Arena, Henry Crabb Road, Littleport CB6 1SE and leave those details.

If you have already registered your child, please collect their membership card from the YPL Centre, Granby Street, Littleport CB6 1NE. After your child has seen the film they can register with www.filmclub.org and give their ratings on the film and how we did.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help during the film showing and with selling ice creams and refreshments.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please get in touch with **Phil** on **07947-823-446** or **01353-864-611** or call in at the YPL Indoor Arena, Henry Crabb Road, Littleport CB6 1SE.

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Enjoying Autumn

By Susan Green

Autumn is here, and although the days shorten, the changing colours of the countryside are very enjoyable.

One of the nicest walks in this area is Chettisham meadows and is best accessed from Little Downham rather than the A10 entrance.

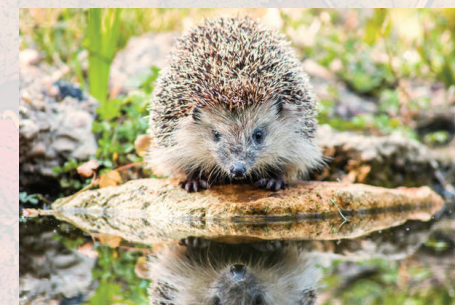
This is the time when we should start to leave food out for the birds. Although Autumn is a good time for natural food, they need to know where food can be found in the wintertime. Many of our little friends will have travelled to warmer climes, but we have the return of fieldfare, red wings and bramblings; not to mention the numerous waterfowl. In this area especially we will see the return of the Bewick and Whooper swans who return to Welney. One can never go too many times to see the bird feeding at Welney Wetlands. The feed by flood light is beautiful.

At home, we can also help the mammals who hibernate in the autumn by not being over obsessed with a tidy garden. For instance, hedgehogs need wild



gardens to live in, and log piles and compost heaps will provide both shelter and food. Hedgehogs are great friends to gardeners as they help keep the slug population in check and our fine holsters are never eaten by slugs. I like to think it is our resident hedgehog earning his keep.

While they are awake, hedgehogs need to travel around, so please ensure your gates have a gap underneath so hedgehogs can pass under. With so many children absorbed by their iphones and tablets they may have very little understanding of nature. Please encourage your child to watch nature in the garden by feeding the birds, or even build a small shallow pond which will encourage all sorts of water life for them to watch. Remember to provide a little ramp so the hedgehogs can drink safely from it!



Pat Ollive's Delicious Malvern Pudding

1lb cooking apples
1 oz butter
1oz granulated sugar,
Grated lemon rind
Sauce
1 egg,
1 oz butter,
1 oz plain flour
¾ pt milk
1 oz granulated sugar

Method: Peel core, slice apples. Put butter in pan. Add sugar, apples and rind, cook till soft. Spread into serving dish. Sauce: Beat egg. Melt butter in pan, stir in flour. Cook gently 2 minutes without browning. Gradually add milk, bring to

boil stirring for 2 minutes. Remove from heat, add sugar, beat in egg gradually. Return to heat cook for 1 min (stirring). Pour over apples in dish.

Topping: Mix sugar with cinnamon, sprinkle on top. Dot with butter, pop under grill until sugar starts to melt.

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Millfield School



A Look Back

As always, the end of the school year in the summer was very busy but great fun for the children. Sports day took place with a slightly different format, with key stage 2 in the morning and key stage 1 in the afternoon – the weather was ideal, the children did themselves proud and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents enjoying the day; the plan for the day seemed to work really well and many parents have commented that they enjoyed it.

As ever the end of year school play, Cinderella and Rockerfella, was fantastic. We always see a different side of so many children when they perform in this way, and it's great to see some grow in confidence after 'giving it a go'.

Building on performances, we had a 'Millfield's Got Talent' competition. The children volunteered themselves for a short performance piece. We had, among other things, dancing, singing and the playing of instruments. Auditions for the final took place in year groups, and in the last week of the summer term honorary judges were invited to

judge those who got through. All the children did themselves proud and we had a winner from each of key stage 1 and 2, plus an overall school winner.



Also in the last academic year we achieved a great deal across the whole of the school community.

We converted to an academy and achieved an overall attendance figure of 96% which is really good. Friends of Millfield grew, Family Learning started, we began whole class music provision in Y3 that now extends into Y4 and been part of a highly successful project for Early Years. We won a lottery bid for our own similar project and started a school Young Carers group. We developed the School Council who have also attended Governors' meetings and have created a 'den' where children can climb trees and build dens at

lunchtime if they wish (closely supervised).

This academic year

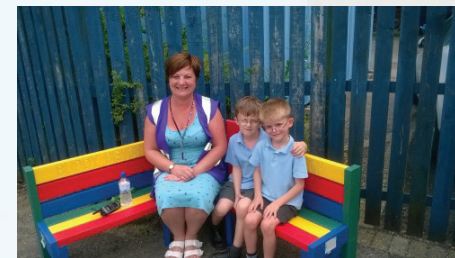
All these activities and more have been put in place for this new academic year.

A Family Support Adviser started in September and continued our Early Years lottery funded project with further development of Family Learning. There are changes to how children will approach reading and further developments within our Learning Challenge curriculum.

Friends of Millfield

This has grown and with the support of parents and grandparents the children have had some really lovely opportunities made available to them. These have included a KS1 sleepover, KS2 youth club, coin art, disco, different craft activities and much more. It has been good to see some new faces of parents and grandparents able to offer help, and we are pleased to be able to offer a different range of activities for the children. Friends of Millfield, together with a donation from a local company, has raised around £5,000. To date we have purchased soil and railway sleepers for our vegetable beds, plants and raised beds for a 'Nectar Garden' (named by the children) and a climbing/traversing wall.

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They ranged from; the Best Puppy (Under 12 months), the Best Pedigree, Best Crossbreed, Veteran (Over 7 years) to the Prettiest Bitch and Most Handsome Dog, Young Handler, Scruffiest, Dog The Judge Would Like To Take Home, to the Best Fancy Dressed.

John and Alison Bushe who always put on a superb show and work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society decided this time

to run it to jointly benefit the British Hen Welfare Trust.

"People really rallied round and made it such a successful event. There are so many people to thank who made it all happen from stewarding the gate, cooking the bbq, selling tickets for the raffle and the tombola, to taking the photos and organising the various dog categories to be judged.

And we are delighted to announce that we raised £450.00 for the Alzheimer's Society and British Hen Welfare Trust which made it all worthwhile," said John, who pointed out that there are still monthly raffle prizes to be won, continuing to raise money for charity all year round.



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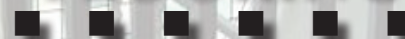
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In September on its regular market day, it celebrated its first birthday.

Well attended by regulars, as well as the new shoppers who visit for the first time and become regulars, the one year anniversary was enjoyed by stall holders and customers alike.

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A nice few hundred pounds was raised - and the hair has grown back.

Well done from all of us at Littleport Life to all concerned.



Jasper the Dog Gets a Home

By Jo Webber

The phone rang. *"I'm bringing home a puppy, we don't have to keep him but he needs to go to the vet"* Clive said.

Oh dear, I thought, Oscar (our beloved cat) hates dogs, we won't be able to keep him.

I organised puppy milk, and the loan of a puppy cage and rang the vet to ask if we could take him straight through and then waited for Clive's arrival.

As soon as I picked up the tiny brown and white trembling fluffy bundle, (one of three found dumped at the side of a road before being rescued by my husband Clive, who had been working on a site nearby) I couldn't help but love him. I named him Jasper, a fatal mistake according to my sister, as once named they are a member of your family and they will definitely be staying,

The vet thought that Jasper was probably 4-5 weeks old and he was very dehydrated and had ticks, fleas and worms. The vet asked if we were keeping him and what treatments we wanted him to have; "Everything" was my response, as I knew in my heart that he would be going nowhere.

After a few days he settled in and soon became a happy, healthy, boisterous puppy.



We attended puppy training when he was about 3 months old, and a lady with a rather magnificent Rottweiler puppy asked me; "what is he?" Jasper's breed is often the topic of conversation, as in certain lights he looks a bit Jack Russell, and at others times a bit Spaniel or Collie, and when he has his annual groom he definitely has a bit of Corgi about him, so who knows?

He loves his treats, in particular the handmade dog biscuits from Branching Out (plus the occasional small piece of cheese) so we called him our 'Snackadoodle!'.

His absolute favourite place is on

his blanket which is strategically positioned in the centre of the sofa between me and Clive, perfect for a romantic night in for three!

I entered him into the 'Cutest Crossbreed' Category at the Camelot Creature Comforts Fun Dog Show last year and he was awarded fourth place. The prize was a blue plastic rugby ball shaped toy which was perfect, and for Jasper it was like winning the top prize!

When Jasper found us, I didn't quite know how we were going to cope having a dog, as Clive and I both work full-time and have many commitments outside of work, but we do manage and we love him to bits and couldn't imagine life without our little Snackadoodle now.

I've met some lovely people around the village since we've had Jasper as

I'm always out walking with him. I also realise how important it is to be a responsible dog owner and always make sure that I have doggy poo bags tied on the handle of Jasper's lead as it is so easy to forget to put them in your pocket.

It's great having a dog but I appreciate that not everyone feels the same about animals, and no-one wants to have to negotiate a pile of dog poo on the pavement, even if you own a dog yourself. We're running an awareness campaign at the Parish Council and have posters that residents can put up in their street if they have particular issue with it. It is also worth pointing out to dog owners that they can put their dog poo bags in any ECDC waste bin and do not have to only use the dog poo bins that are placed around the village.

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On November 1st Paul Howe will ask you to 'Watch My Waggle!'

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How King Canute came to stay in Littleport!

Told by Roger Rudderham

The fame of Ely spread in the middle ages due to the shrine of St. Ethelreda and the miracles that were attributed to her. Ely Abbey was even patronised by King Canute and Queen Emma, who particularly enjoyed the singing of the choir and always visited the abbey for the Feast of Purification.

The third Abbot, appointed in 1019, was Leofwine, but unlike his predecessors, who according to the Liber Eliensis were "adorned with the grace of sanctity", he seems to have been adorned with immorality, greed and lawlessness. The monks under his ministry became lax in their devotions and took to feasting and drunkenness.

On one occasion when King Canute arrived at the abbey by barge the inebriated monks did not recognize him and turned him away. The King returned to his barge and sought shelter on the neighbouring island of Littleport, where he was given refuge in the home of a fisherman named Legge.

After giving the King a meal of eels, eels that should have been destined for the kitchen at the abbey, Legge told the King how the monks of Ely had become

dissolute, spending their days feasting, drinking and enjoying the company of women, rather than their religious devotions.

He explained how he was forced to sell all the fish he caught to the Abbot for a pittance, but when he complained the monks came and beat him with a flail. The King was furious that the abbey he loved and patronised had fallen so low and swore that he would return and restore the strict rule of St. Benedict upon the abbey. The King kept his word and eventually returned with his men-at-arms and turned the wayward monks out of the abbey and deposed Abbot Leofwine.

Roger Rudderham says in conclusion, "I have endeavoured to integrate the old tale of Canute's visit to Littleport with the known historical facts The Littleport Society would welcome your views".



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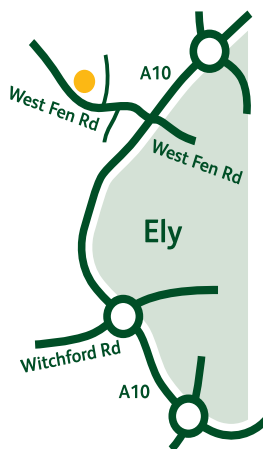
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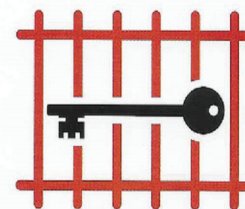
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Technology in Music

By Jordan Powell

Music has developed in many forms throughout the natural course of history but there are two main factors, which I think contribute to the development of music significantly. These two factors are the contributions of human culture and the never-ending development of technology.

The digital technology that is used in music production has revolutionised the way that music is created. It has also changed the way we consume music and the evolution of music or sound itself. Some people believe that musicians may not be needed any more due to the advances in music software. This point is very interesting and this quote links directly to this theory. "No matter how great we get with digital forms of instrumentation nothing really quite duplicates the real thing." Michael Bolton.

I find it truly amazing when it comes to what you can do with an interface, a computer and some decent monitors in your own bedroom. The software we use to produce music has advanced in many different ways and quite often music can be programmed through midi in workstations

known as daws, (Digital Audio Workstations). However, it still can't replicate the feel of an actual person playing in my opinion. Production is a huge part of music for quite obvious reasons because it's the creation of music itself. Production is not just the recording of music. A producer's role can involve coaching the musicians and proposing ideas to the music. They can even be involved in the song writing itself in some cases. The technology used to create music has changed dramatically over the decades. Today we have advanced software, which has completely reinvented the way we produce and capture music.

The release of smartphones, radio and TV, simply means that we can access music anywhere at any time, not just music but media itself. Social media has most certainly benefited from the digital age of music. Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are common ways for music consumers to share their musical experience. Music has always been seen as a cultural and social activity and it's through social media that the flock of music consumers can instantly share this music with millions of

other people through the power of technology. Social media strengthens the relationship between groups of people, fans and artists.

Before the 2000's the technology we used to consume music was much different from the powerful technology we have today. Online services allow people to access and consume music at all times. Is this something that's good or bad?

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Littleport Rotary Club — Update

All Change at The Top! At the end of June Littleport Rotary Club **President Bram Holland** (below left) handed over the chain of office to **Clive Webber** as the new President for the Rotary year 2016/2017



Clive has been a long standing member of Littleport Rotary Club and first held the office of Club President in 2009. He is perhaps better known as Chairman of the Littleport Parish Council, as an added bonus.

Clive's Vice President is another well known Littleport figure **David Ambrose Smith** — a Parish and district Councillor



Bram Holland past president—remains as a member of the Club and continues to play an active role in the ongoing development of this thriving club

Speaker Bonanzas!

It is not often any Rotary Club can claim to have a world expert as an after dinner speaker but our club were fortunate enough to enlist the services of Professor Alan Rodger, former Interim Director of the British Antarctic Survey.

Alan is one of the world's leading experts on Global Warming and gave our club a most riveting talk on the dangers lurking round the corner regarding this most debated subject.

Whether you believe or disbelieve the theory it is a subject with which we are all familiar and Alan's "spin" certainly got us all thinking about how we can help slow things down.

As if that wasn't enough we have managed to persuade Dave Doggett, Chairman of Cambridge United F.C., to talk to us in September. Although he plans to talk about the Charitable Work of CUFC no doubt there will be some fans amongst us who will want to talk football and team tactics!



Race Night

A Family Charity Social
Evening at the
Littleport Village Hall
Friday 7th October 2016
7.30pm

If you want to be part of our successes why not contact us —we'd like to hear from you — whether you want to sponsor any of our future activities, including the Christmas Trees. If you want to have a chat about becoming involved in Rotary why not speak to our Membership Secretary

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The WI Gets Cleaning

Littleport WI has been exceptionally busy these last few weeks, having organised and taken part in the cleaning and repainting of the Littleport Village sign.

The original sign was donated to the village in 1984 to commemorate the WI's 75th anniversary and the new one installed in 2001. It was crafted in seasoned oak by sculptor Jeremy Turner and is extremely impressive – depicting many aspects of the history and life of Littleport.

However, it was looking a bit the worse for wear, so the WI to the rescue! After a thorough clean-up, artist and Littleport WI member, Miriam Farrell, has

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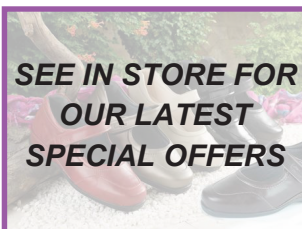


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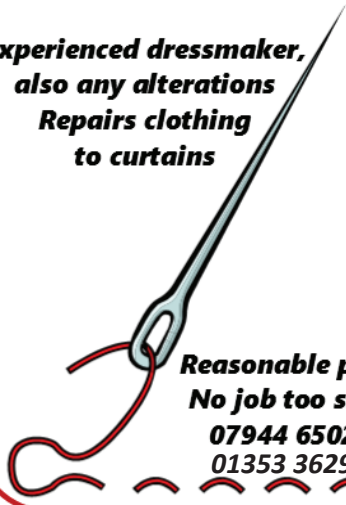
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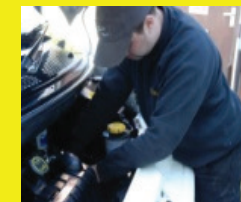


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Dates:

Our next Cuppa, Cake and Company Club Sunday afternoon events this year are scheduled for 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December (Christmas party). Please come along and spread the word.

Our Plans..

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18/09	SUN	EABCC OBSTACLE COURSE (OUTDOORS)	ALL DAY
21/09	WEDS	PRIZE BINGO	7.00pm
23/09	FRI	TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT	7.30pm
24/09	SAT	RACE NIGHT IN AID OF LITTLEPORT BADMINTON CLUB	8.00pm
25/09	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to 2.00pm
30/09	FRI	MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING	TBC
01/10	SAT	FOOD THEMED NIGHT	7.00pm
02/10	SUN	EACA DOG SHOW (INDOORS)	ALL DAY
02/10	SUN	QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF LITTLEPORT LIONS KORFBALL CLUB	7.00pm START
08/10	SAT	PRIZE BINGO	6.30pm
08/10	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to 2.00pm
15/10	SAT	KARAOKE	8.00pm
19/10	WEDS	PRIZE BINGO	7.00pm
21/10	FRI	TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT	7.30pm
22/10	SAT	LIVE MUSIC EVENT	8.00pm
23/10	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to 2.00pm
28/10	FRI	BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS	ALL DAY
29/10	SAT	HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO	6.30pm to 9.30pm
30/10	SUN	QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF LITTLEPORT JUDO CLUB	7.00pm START
05/11	SAT	PRIZE BINGO	6.30pm
06/11	SUN	LABRADOR DOG SHOG (INDOORS)	ALL DAY
06/11	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.00pm to 1.00pm
12/11	SAT	BARN DANCE	TIME TBC
13/11	SUN	EBCA DOG SHOW (INDOORS)	ALL DAY
16/11	WEDS	PRIZE BINGO	7.00pm
18/11	FRI	TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT	7.30pm
19/11	SAT	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - ACT TBC	7.30pm
20/11	SUN	ECSSC DOG SHOW (INDOORS)	ALL DAY
20/11	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to 2.00pm

26/11	SAT	RACE NIGHT	8.00pm
27/11	SUN	JUDO COMPETITION	ALL DAY
27/11	SUN	QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF CAMSAR	7.00pm START
03/12	SAT	PRIZE BINGO	6.30pm
04/12	SUN	EABCC DOG SHOW (INDOORS)	ALL DAY
04/12	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to
2.00pm			
11/12	SUN	XMAS INDOOR CAR BOOT AND CRAFT FAYRE	9.00am
16/12	FRI	TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT	7.30pm
17/12	SAT	TEA WITH SANTA	4.00pm to 7.30pm
18/12	SUN	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE	2.00pm
18/12	SUN	ROAST CARVERY	12.30pm to
2.00pm			
18/12	SUN	QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF LITTLEPORT LEISURE FUN DAY	7.00pm
20/12	TUE	PANTOMIME - CINDERELLA	TBC
21/12	WEDS	CHRISTMAS BINGO	7.00pm
23/12	FRI	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO AND GAMES	6.30pm to 9.30pm
28/12	WEDS	CHRISTMAS TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT	TBC
30/12	FRI	CHRISTMAS SPORTS TEAM CHALLENGE	12.00noon
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OCTOBER			
8/10	SAT	THE OFF-BEATS	9PM
15/10	SAT	THE BEER BELLIES	9 PM
22/10	SAT	ELVIS TRIBUTE	9 PM
NOVEMBER			
5/11	SAT	KRUSTY WHISKAS	9 PM
11/11	FRI	MEAN EYED CATS	9 PM
26/11	SAT	TRANTRIS ARE BACK	9 PM

THE CROWN INN EVENTS

SEPTEMBER			
17/9	SAT	ROCK OUT!	8.30 - LATE
24/9	SAT	TNT	8.30 - LATE
OCTOBER			
1/10	SAT	MEADOW LANE	8.30 - LATE
7/10	FRI	GREG.	8.30 - LATE
9/10	SUN	DALE TAYLOR	3 - 6PM
14/10	FRI	THE CHORDS	8.30 - LATE
15/10	SAT	MARK JOSEF	8.30 - LATE
22/10	SAT	DON'T PANIC	9 - LATE
29/10	SAT	MARTHA'S WOOD	8 - LATE
30/10	SUN	BECKY RAYNER	3 - 6PM
NOVEMBER			
5/11	SAT	BONDY	8.30 - LATE
12/11	SAT	THE LONELY	8.30 - LATE
13/11	SUN	CARL CHAPMAN	3 - 6PM
19/11	SAT	STEVE P (COMEDIAN)	8.30 - LATE
26/11	SAT	HUSH	8.30 - LATE
27/11	SUN	ZIGGY	3 - 6PM
DECEMBER			
3/12	SAT	BIG CHEESE	8.30 - LATE
10/12	SAT	THE SPREE	9 - LATE
17/12	SAT	JACK	8.30 - LATE
24/12	SAT	MEADOW LANE.	8 - 11
31/12	SAT	DISCO	7.30 - LATE

THE SWAN ON THE RIVER EVENTS

30/9	FRI	JOHN BARRY	9pm
26/10	WED	TIMEBANK QUIZ	7pm
28/10	FRI	KJ	9pm
30/11	WED	TIMEBANK QUIZ	7pm

WI DATES

11/10	TUES	VILLAGE HALL	7.15pm
8/11	TUES	VILLAGE HALL	7.15pm
13/12	TUES	VILLAGE HALL	7.15pm

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

17/09	SAT	THE FEDZ	8.45pm
24/09	SAT	ADD 3	8.45pm

OCTOBER

1/10	SAT	TAKE 2	8.45pm
8/10	SAT	TBC	8.45pm
15/10	SAT	OVERSPILL	8.45pm
22/10	SAT	BOOTS AND ROOTS (WAS THOMAS JAY)	8.45pm
29/10	SAT	OFF BEATS	8.45pm
30/10	SUN	KIDS HALLOWEEN	4-6.30 PM

NOVEMBER

5/11	SAT	PRIVATE PARTY	
12/11	SAT	BOB'S CHARITY DO WEEKEND (WITH GROUP: JUST FOR KICKS)	
13/11	SUN	QUIZ	
19/11	SAT	OFF BEATS	8.45pm
26/11	SAT	MEL STEVENS	8.45pm

DECEMBER

3/12	SAT	PRIVATE PARTY	
10/12	SAT	ROCKING REVIVAL	8.45pm
17/12	SAT	THE SQUATTERS	8.45pm
18/12	SUN	XMAS KIDS PARTY	4-6.30 PM
23/12	FRI	PETE MORLEY CHARITY DARTS	
24/12	SAT	CHRISTMAS EVE DISCO	8.45pm
31/12	SAT	NEW YEAR'S EVE GO JOHNNY GO	8.45pm

THE FLOWER CLUB EVENTS

Littleport & District Flower Club – 7.30pm Village Hall

21 October

Barbara Collins – *Floral Moments*

18 November

Open Meeting by ticket only £12 for visitors – Nick Grounds – *Bah Humbug*

9 December

Christmas Practical Evening

No Meeting in January

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.

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.

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
Samaritans	If you need help	0845 7909090
Schools	Littleport Community Primary	01353 860235
Millfield Primary		01353 861612



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