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# Cheerio

## Saying Cheerio to the editor's seat at Littleport Life!

As the saying goes 'all good things must come to an end' and so it is for me as I pass the editor's seat over to my erstwhile deputy editor David Barker.

I have greatly enjoyed my time serving my adopted village over the last few years, but with increasing age thought it best to give way to a younger, much younger, more energetic incumbent.

I have met some wonderful people who do a lot for the community - and I'm not just saying that because they put their groups and organisations' contributions in on time every quarter, as well as the individual members of those, and a great many of our readers in general who are also busy but never so busy that they don't have time to say a sociable hello or have a chat when they see me out and about. Then there is the veritable army of community spirited people (children included) who deliver each finished magazine to every home in this ever-expanding village.

Our many advertisers whose good-will and money keeps the magazine printed have been a pleasure to deal with and even on the odd occasions that there's been a blip - a digit fallen off their phone number on the page or a mis-spelling or even left out when they expected to be in - all has ever been forgiven, and they know that they are always assured of our continued collective best efforts on their behalf.

Notice I talk about I and my when all is well, and our and ours when it isn't quite...

I am staying on as a consultant editor - which was how I kind of started, just helping out the then editor, the legendary Linda Watson, on an informal basis.

I am happy to be continuing on the Littleport Life Magazine Committee and would mention that we are always looking for more people to come on board to put in their twopenn'orth at our interesting meetings that are held a couple of times in every 3 months.

I hope you enjoy this Winter 2019 issue, the last one with me as its editor, and I know you will support new editor David in his endeavours to bring you your first Littleport Life Spring edition of 2020.

Check out the copy deadline for contributions and advertisers - no excuses now, don't make David chase you!

I wish you the very best for Christmas and the New Year, and for whatever festival of light you celebrate.

*Lyn*



*Lyn at work on Littleport Life*

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# Welcome

## Welcome to Littleport Life's winter issue.

Although the weather might be cold outside, we hope you find warm words, interest and encouragement within our issue.

I would like to begin by saying a very big thank you to Lyn, who first introduced me to Littleport Life magazine. It has been a great pleasure to edit the magazine alongside her for the last six months or so, and to learn from her. As a former managing editor of, amongst other notable publications, Sports World International, she has such a wealth of experience that anyone working alongside her can only learn. And I have, although I have still much, much further to go! Lyn, in conjunction with others, launched the first versions of the magazine, about 20 years ago, in response to an advert placed by ACRE in the Ely newspaper and while she was still editor for Psychic News. Over the years, and along with others, she has helped to oversee the transformation of the magazine from a black and white newsletter style publication, into the fully-fledged, colourful magazine that we now have and that makes such a difference and adds so much to the community. For Lyn, and indeed everyone involved in the magazine, it is a labour of love and one which reflects the amazing diversity of life and experiences in the village. Littleport is truly an amazing place. We are all so glad that Lyn will be staying on as a consultant editor. Her experience, insight and expertise is definitely needed.

The production of the magazine is a team effort, without whom, the magazine would simply not be created. Thanks go to all the team, and to all on the Committee. The team also extends to all contributors to the magazine, to whom we would all like to pass on a huge thank-you. We all hope that it is their voices that can be heard throughout the magazine, giving it its unique flavour and without whom the magazine would be hugely diminished. Thank you!

We are always looking for new content, so, if you'd like to contribute, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We all hope that at the end of this year, all are able to find moments of calm and reflection upon the year about to pass, as well as a time to look forward, with hope, to the year about to be. We all hope that 2020 is a great year for you and for Littleport.

*David*

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# Remembering the Dead of Littleport

Readers of these articles are reminded that these are extracts of research work I did some years ago. The results of the research are available in Littleport Adams Heritage Centre. Anyone may read the research free of charge but there are two conditions: You may not copy any of the material, and you may not remove any material. It cost me a lot of money to visit, and photograph, many of the memorials and headstones where Littleport men are commemorated. I am happy for people to read the results of my research but the ownership remains in my hands.

Moving on we come to 1916 in the Great War and we see that the nature of the British Army is changing once again. By now the young men who had rushed to enlist in 1914 were starting to take their places in the trenches, and, more importantly, were beginning to train for their first major battle. Plans were in preparation for a joint operation with the French at the boundary of the two nations' armies. However an early attack by the Germans at Verdun put a strain on these plans and we will discuss them in a later edition.

Meanwhile the Littleport losses in early 1916 were:-

**8867 Private Robert Goodge**, *2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment*, died of wounds 22nd January 1916. He is buried in Grave 36, Row c, Plot II, Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium.

**16882 Private Horace William Johnson**, *11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment*, killed in action 12th March 1916. He is buried in Grave 33, Row B, Plot IV, Brewery Orchard Cemetery, Bois Grenier, France.

**9162 Private William Nightall**, *7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment*, killed in action 18 March 1916. He is buried in Grave 14, Row E, Plot I, Spoilbank Cemetery, Zillebeke, Ieper, Belgium.

**16254 Private Samuel Wilding**, *11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment*, died of wounds 31st March 1916. He is buried in Grave 9, Row E, Plot VI, Etaples Military Cemetery, France.

**G/12310 Private Harry Plumb**, *9th Battalion The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment)*, died of illness 28th April 1916. He is buried in Littleport New Cemetery.





# NEW WEBSITE FOR ANVIL COTTAGE CRAFTS

After months of planning, the team at Anvil Cottage Crafts have unveiled their new website. Not only are the company's artisan pieces available to buy on the site, for the first time there is the option to hire a selection of items for weddings, parties and events.

All pieces are handcrafted from new and used horseshoes in the forge on the banks of the river Great Ouse, close to Ely in Cambridgeshire, combining modern day engineering techniques with ancient craft. A must for horse lovers and equestrian enthusiasts, while also appealing to those looking to add some country cottage style to their home or event.

The new website features stylish hire items, attractive upcycled gifts and home accessories, and practical items that last for years. Speaking about the new website, Carol Palmer, Partner, Anvil Cottage Crafts, said:

*"The new site not only beautifully showcases our artisan items but also makes it easier for people to find what they need and love. With the launch of our website and the introduction of our wedding and event hire service, it is such an exciting time for Anvil Cottage Crafts. Whether people buy or hire, we hope they enjoy our handcrafted pieces as much as we enjoy making them."*

Practical and stylish items for the home include a heart candle holder, doormat,



bootjack and wine rack. A lot of the items are made from horseshoes from the stables at nearby Newmarket. There is even the option for horse owners to have a stable name sign created.

Birthdays, anniversaries or weddings, whatever the celebration, pieces from Anvil Cottage Crafts make great gifts. The elegant horse silhouette decoration is a beautiful likeness of this majestic animal, a perfect gift for lovers of all things equestrian, or anyone looking for a striking artwork.

The company's vintage style pieces are well suited to country weddings and celebrations. Available to hire or buy, items for weddings include the gorgeous heart chair decoration, which looks divine with flowers intertwined and the horseshoe candlestick.

Memorial items are also available to purchase. There is such a precious bond between a horse and its owner, when the time comes to say goodbye, it is heart breaking. The linked hearts could be the ideal way to remember

a treasured horse. Handcrafted in the forge from the horse's shoes, they are cleaned sympathetically ensuring the history remains. Make memories last forever with the linked hearts keepsake.

With the festive season a matter of months away, it will soon be time to start planning decorations for the home. On the company's website, you can choose from 3, 4 or 5 tier horseshoe Christmas trees. A unique tree for any horse enthusiast or those who like something stylishly different. What's more, unlike traditional cut trees, they last. The trees can be used all-year-round, some people use them as fireplace covers or as garden art.

Whether people buy or hire items from Anvil Cottage Crafts, they will get high quality individual pieces that will enhance any living space or venue.

To visit the new website, go to **[www.anvilcottagecrafts.co.uk](http://www.anvilcottagecrafts.co.uk)**

**For further information:**

Please contact Carol Palmer on **0775 383 6499** or email **[anvilcottagecrafts@gmail.com](mailto:anvilcottagecrafts@gmail.com)**



# The Littleport Players

## Littleport Panto is Nearly Upon Us - Oh Yes It Is!

Sleeping Beauty An amazing and well-loved classic pantomime, will be performed by the talented crew of The Littleport Players this year on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December at 7.30pm, on Saturday 7th December at 2.00pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 8th December at 2.00pm in the school theatre at Littleport and East Cambs Academy.

Seriously you don't want to miss this one! Filled with lots of groovy songs we all know and love, comedic characters guaranteed to have you laughing in your seats and some dodgy dance routines, this promises to be a smash hit. Lots of fun for all the family so why not join in with the build up to Christmas by joining The Littleport Players as they embark on an unforgettable journey through panto land.

This panto script is written by Alan Frayn, directed by Karen Booth with musical direction from Mark A. J. Checkley.

Tickets are £10 online [www.ticketsource.co.uk/littleportplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/littleportplayers) or in person at The Bargain Centre, Main Street, Littleport, and Bizzie Lizzie, Ponts Hill, Littleport.

**Last year was a sell-out so don't delay get your tickets now!**





  
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## Your Village Heritage – Can you help?

The Littleport Society is looking for volunteers to help on Tuesday afternoons at The Barn and/or to join the Committee. We have a fabulous collection of thousands of objects, photographs, film, family history records and an archive, all relating to Littleport. Our volunteers help with cataloguing, exhibitions, social media, admin, databasing, family history research, helping visitors at The Barn, digitising, publications, and looking after the collection. Whatever your interest in your heritage you will be made welcome by our friendly team.

If you are interested, we would be pleased to hear from you - come to The Barn on a Tuesday between 1.00 and 4.00 pm or get in touch via our website [www.littleportsociety.org.uk](http://www.littleportsociety.org.uk)

## What's On?

The Littleport Society provides a lively programme of monthly Tuesday evening talks and events at the Village Hall, Victoria Street, Littleport. All welcome!

5th November: **Flag Fen: Fenland Bronze Age Site**. Free entry. Refreshments.

3rd December: **Strike up the Band with Littleport Brass**. Tickets £5.00 each from The Bargain Centre, from The Barn (Tuesday pm only) and from Littleport Society open meetings.

7th January: **Old Littleport**. Free entry. Refreshments.

4th February: **Annual General Meeting and Prize Quiz Night**. Members only.

For information and details of events and how to join The Society see [www.littleportsociety.org.uk](http://www.littleportsociety.org.uk). At just £3.00 a year for individual membership, members receive our quarterly magazine full of illustrated articles on the unique history of our village.

Follow us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/littleportsociety/>

## New Book

### ***THE LITTLEPORT FALLEN***

remembers those 122 men who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War One. Packed with information about each soldier and background to the conflict, the book also tells the story of Littleport's commemoration of the war. The project was initiated by the Littleport branch of the Royal British Legion.

Priced £10 with all proceeds to armed forces charities. 100 copies have been printed. Available from The Barn and at our open meetings.

### **THE LITTLEPORT FALLEN 1914 - 1918**





# Peacock's Meadow: a space in the community.

Well, Winter is now upon us. Time for gardeners to reflect on the passing year, and to plan for next year's growing season.

That's what we've been doing in the Peacocks Meadow community garden. Summer saw a number of lovely community events in the garden. Our volunteers, together with support from Fenland Spirit Services, have cut the grass all through the year. This regular cutting is gradually eradicating the brambles.

Youngsters from the PORT youth club planted up some beautiful wildflowers; St George's Church Group created a 'tomato mountain' while the community herb planter is really establishing itself. Benches have been installed and a deal of hard work has been going on behind the scenes. Pink Chair Engagement brought their special brand of crafting magic to the meadow. The Littleport Lions hosted a Teddy Bear's picnic in August.

In September we enjoyed our first 'community harvest' on a day of mellow sunshine, which brought many new visitors to the garden to pick fruit, blackberries and tomatoes. It was delightful to see so many children running about among the trees and grass. We have also shaped and pruned the young trees, allowing them the space to grow.

Of course, we won't be resting on our garden forks over the winter. We have

further plans for next year. We are applying for funding for further enrichment of the habitat. The Littleport Crafters have created a stunning mosaic art work which will be installed later next year.

Peacocks Meadow is Littleport's only woodland garden. It is also the only green space managed and maintained by the community. We always need more volunteers. If you would like to become involved in shaping the future of the garden, fund-raising or organising community events ... we'd love to hear from you!

If form-filling isn't your thing, you can still get involved. We hold regular work parties throughout the year. All are welcome and we often have entire families getting 'down and dirty' with us. It's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise, and of course, to meet new friends. You can do as little or as much as suits you. And you'll have the satisfaction of helping to create a beautiful green space for future generations.

To find out more about how you can get involved please contact:

**[t.c.curtis@tinternet.com](mailto:t.c.curtis@tinternet.com)**

Or send a message via the Peacocks Meadow Facebook page.





# Littleport and District Flower Club

Since the last report we have had our September meeting at which Pat Barton from Attleborough gave a very entertaining evening with her designs title of 'Where in the World'.

Pat was a new Demonstrator for the Club and she proved very entertaining with her six designs from around the world. Her flowers were beautiful and filled the stage with loads of colour as well as her enthusiasm for the places she had visited.

October brought back to the Club Lesley Beeton with her title of 'Halloween' which proved a very entertaining evening. Although not a NAFAS Demonstrator Lesley has plenty of experience as she is one of the organisers of Wisbech Fayre Flower Festival and also a teacher.

Our Workshop in August with Adele Kent leading proved a very happy positive day for all those who attended. Adele in her usual enthusiastic way brought a group of very nervous ladies together with her positive approach and sense of humour and produced



two designs to work with over the day. The Hall was filled with laughter at all our efforts and at the end of the day everyone was very happy with all the designs they produced. Adele was thanked for all her hard work and said that she thoroughly enjoyed coming to our happy group.

The Open Evening with Gill McGregor was a Christmas Demonstration that was enjoyed by all.

Our December Meeting on Friday 13th at 7pm for 7.30pm start will be a Practical Evening for members to choose a design from those produced by Committee to do for the Christmas Festivities.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Club should contact the Secretary Sue Constable on **01353 861012** or the Chair Carol Weyman on **01353 380289**.





# FENLAND SPIRIT OFFER 5 TIPS ON WINTER LAWNMOWER MAINTENANCE

## WINTER IS HERE AND WE HAVE TOP TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR LAWMOWER FOR NEXT SPRING.

- 1** Clean out debris from underneath your lawnmower. Grass compacts under the deck; scrape it out and give it a dose of WD40 or equivalent - this reduces your deck rotting and grass clogging around the belt.
- 2** Empty all fuel by running it empty. If you just empty the tank, the fuel in the carburetor can block the tiny jets inside the carb. Modern unleaded petrol only lasts approximately 2 months unless you use a fuel stabilizer or an Alkylate fuel, which we can supply.
- 3** Remove and sharpen the blade. Remember, to get under your petrol mower for cleaning or to remove the blade, always push the handles to the floor. Never tip on its side or upside down. Oil will flow into the carburetor and could cause it to hydraulic, meaning the engine will not turn over, or into the exhaust making your machine smoke badly.
- 4** Grease and lubricate the wheels, cables and levers preventing rust and prolonging the life of these parts.
- 5** To finish the job, you might as well change the oil, air filter and spark plug too. Please dispose of old oil in a responsible manner, your local recycling centre usually has a waste oil collection point. Refill with the correct engine oil which is widely available.

If you'd rather ask someone else to service your lawnmower please get in touch with us at Fenland Spirit Services, Littleport. Our winter servicing is just £69 until Feb 28th 2020. Why not book your mower in now and beat the spring rush! We also service 2 stroke equipment and ride on mowers.

**Get in touch on 0775 383 6499 or see our website  
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# River View Flowers



## Hello, my name is Jessica.

A little about me. I am a freelance florist, wife and a busy mum.

I run an independent floral design service from Ten Mile Bank.

Growing up in the countryside has been really inspiring, so many beautiful wild flowers all around us in the fens. It truly is a wonderful place to live. With so much nature around it is hard not to feel inspired. The more you look, the more you will find. It is endless.

I moved to the top of Black Horse Drove with my husband and children around a year and a half ago now. Black Horse Drove has such a wonderful community feel, everyone is so friendly.

Art has always been a strong point of mine. Throughout my school years, art felt the most appealing and the most natural subject to participate in. I feel very privileged now, in my older years, to be able share that passion with my



customers. I never anticipated, whilst sitting through my art lessons, that floristry would become my calling.

For me floristry is my therapy, I find it so relaxing to be able to start at the beginning of the arrangement with a vision and to successfully create that vision is very satisfying.

Floristry became my life after I attended a college floristry course. It was from this point onwards I became hooked. Having finished the course, I kept thinking to myself; I need to do more.

The perfect opportunity arose, a florist's position at a local florist shop in Ely. I soon was back into doing what I felt so much passion for.

The experience I took from working there was amazing. So many tips and new techniques; there are always new techniques to learn in floristry, it never ends.

Due to another addition to the family, I stepped down from the position in the shop. It was in March 2018 that I founded River View Flowers. What an incredible journey it has been so far, the amount of support I have had from customers, family and friends has been phenomenal. Beyond anything I could ever have imagined. Thank you all.

Customers amaze me, how they are always so trusting with allowing myself to create their arrangements. With very little input, they just say, "Jess, do what you think is best." It's really heart-warming to have this much trust from my customers.

I was recently asked to create floral arrangements for a Royal visit at Corkers in Pymoor. This experience,

will most definitely be something I won't forget in my career as a florist.

The Ely Flower Festival was also another big highlight of my career, I was lucky enough to be asked by G's to create a display. Again, I was given free reign, just to include some of their produce. It was amazing, a display I was very proud of. It was really picturesque, a beautiful woven picnic basket set in a meadow field surrounded by wild flowers.

River View Flowers creates exquisite bespoke blooms for all occasions such as weddings, corporate events, birthdays, anniversaries and funerals.

In addition, I have recently started floral workshops. For those who are interested and would like to unleash their creative side please do book onto a workshop. They vary in arrangement each week; all are suitable for all abilities. As much as it is about learning new skills, it is also about enjoying the evening and having fun.

To date, I have held the workshops at Black Horse Drove Community Rooms. The venue has lovely facilities, perfect for our workshops.

There are a variety of Christmas workshop dates held in December. All materials are provided, payment is required at time of booking to secure a place. These Christmas Workshops are very popular. It would be lovely to see some new faces attend the workshops. I look forward to seeing some new faces.

Please get in touch for further details.

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A photograph showing the backs of three children's heads as they look at a display of colorful children's books. The child on the left has dark curly hair and is wearing a yellow shirt. The child in the middle has short dark hair and is wearing a white shirt. The child on the right has short dark hair and is wearing a purple shirt. The books are displayed on shelves, and the children's hands are visible reaching towards them.

# LITTLEPORT LIBRARY

Littleport Library offers adult, junior and young adult fiction, non-fiction, large print and audiobooks, a Local Studies section and a Health and Wellbeing area. There is free Wi-Fi and computer access, whilst online there is free access to e-books and e-audiobooks, plus an array of e-newspapers and e-magazines to download and read at your leisure. You can use the Spydus Mobile library app to access your account, request and renew items. We provide help with digital forms and devices – please make an appointment with staff. We welcome volunteers in a variety of roles so please contact us if you are interested in getting involved and supporting the library. Littleport Library is wheelchair accessible, with an accessible toilet. Donations and sponsorship are always welcome. Sign up for the library e-newsletter to make sure you don't miss special promotions and events in your library, and look out for the What's On brochure, and The Library Presents programme of arts events!

## Opening hours:

Monday: 10.00am-5.00pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 10.00am-5.00pm  
Thursday: 2.00pm- 5.00pm  
Friday: 10.00am-1.00pm

## Forthcoming events December 2019 to February 2020

### Engage in the Morning: Christmas Event:

10-11.45am Thursday December 12th.  
A FREE monthly (every 2nd Thursday) social and information event to develop new and useful opportunities for people over 50 years old. Speakers, activities, conversation and refreshments! Donations to fund future speakers welcome.

**Songs, Stories and Crafts:** 1.30-3.30pm Wednesdays, 50p per child

**Sing and Sign Baby Rhymetime:**  
10.15-10.45am, FREE

**Camera Club:** 1-3pm 2nd Tuesday of the month, FREE

**Lego Club:** 3.30-4.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month, FREE

**The Little Coffee Club:** 1-4pm Mondays. A pop-up café for parents of babies (pre-walkers) and expectant parents to meet and chat! Donations welcome.

**Meet Children's Author Marc Grimston:** 10.30am-11.30am Saturday 7th December, 50p per child. Including a reading of Grandpa Six Legs.

**Christmas Party:** 10.30am-12pm Saturday 14th December. Games, presents, stories, crafts, and a visit from Father Christmas!



# LITTLEPORT BRASS



REPRESENTS ALL THAT'S GOOD ABOUT LITTLEPORT!

Littleport Brass are out there representing the village in many a concert and competition over the course of the year. This autumn they were extremely busy, competing in various prestigious competitions and events such as the 'own choice' contest at Leicester on November 24th.

And in a world-wide live streamed broadcast on Sunday October 6th they were shown live as they competed in the new Bolsover Festival of Brass in its Second Section category. The viewing figures ran into tens of thousands world-wide and Littleport Brass's programme was superbly presented and executed.

They actually came second to a top national band beating another into 3rd place! As Musical Director Ian Knapton said afterwards; "The band played very, very, well. Although Chapeltown Silver should have beaten us on paper, they came second in the National finals this year and presented a more difficult technical performance that could have attracted more points, I think that the way we played we should have got that top spot! Littleport has an amazing band and the village should be so proud of them!"

They also gave a concert at the Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club called 'From Broadway to Hollywood' the audience of all ages from 3 to 80-odd were entertained with all those popular songs from a 1931 musical to the newest, Wicked, a musical based on the Wizard of Oz, this year.

The show got off to a flying start after the roof-raising medley comprising 'Another Opening Another Show, There's No Business Like Show Business, Get me to the Church On Time, Oklahoma, That's Entertainment and 76 Trombones' when Musical Director Ian Knapton behaved like a humorous Google personified, introducing each number with fascinating details about when they were first heard in a New York Broadway theatre and the year they became world-wide favourites on the silver screen, before taking up his baton to conduct them. The relevant but silent clips from the shows and

films mentioned were projected behind the band as they played along to scintillating effect.

The soloists excelled themselves and accomplished Flugel player Jan Wyndham-Hall dedicated hers to all cancer sufferers.

It's easy to forget that like Jan, all the musicians including the other soloists of Sunday's great show, Sean Broderick, Ron Robinson, Jamie Clay, James Stygall and Theo Barfoot, are amateurs, and do other jobs for a living with solicitors, scientists, teachers and students in their talented ranks.

Rapturous applause ended each musical offering and the finale was followed by a requested encore.

The President of Littleport Brass Bill Sharpe and his wife Joan was there in the audience, and it is well known in certain brass band circles that he hates the Floral Dance.

MD Ian agreed to chance it in the interests of fun, albeit at the president's expense, and announced it had been asked to be played for him. As the first bar rang out the President's face was a picture of horror and roars of laughter echoed round his table - and the rest of the audience too as they all got the joke.

But after that amusement all rose as one for the National Anthem that closes every performance by Littleport Brass.

And to continue on that more serious note, there was no band for this year's Remembrance Day in Littleport. So many band members are from other villages and they wanted to attend their own Remembrance Day proceedings that there were not enough Littleport based players left to provide it.

The band is asking anyone who would like to play with them, looking at years to come, please contact through their Facebook page: Littleport Brass.

Winter concerts are 7pm December 3rd at the Village Hall for the Littleport Society, all welcome; December 14th at Ely Cathedral at 2 - 3pm and St George's Christmas Concert at 7 - 10pm!

**Lyn Gibb-de Swarte**





## **'Supporting adults with learning disabilities to live active and fulfilling lives'**

**Branching Out is a registered charity (number 1047403) Est. 1994**

### **What do we do?**

We have two contracts with Cambridgeshire County Council to provide day provision services for people who have standard or complex learning disabilities such as autism or a learning disability with other conditions. The wonderful work our team do helps us to provide this for almost 40 people to a very high standard.

New team members undertake extensive training lasting 1 year, and then they constantly refresh that training yearly. Typically, a new member of the team has 15 observations of their practice and completes the Care Certificate before they can work without being "in line of sight" of other members of the team. Additional training includes, epilepsy, manual handling, fire, first aid, infection control, food hygiene, fluids and nutrition, Prevent, Safeguarding, Domestic Abuse, Display Screen Equipment, Mental Capacity Act and other relevant legislation.

We also have an additional contract with Cambridgeshire County Council as a sub-centre to provide

specific training for people working in Cambridgeshire with people with learning disabilities.

In addition, we run a charity shop and an Ebay Shop to help us to fundraise as the social care funding we receive for our service is not enough to cover all our costs. We also do extensive work in the community with other community groups and businesses ranging from looking after the village planters, hosting an annual Family Fun Day, helping the Littleport Life Magazine, attending events with our Pop-Up stall and providing extensive volunteering opportunities.

### **How do we know the impact of our work?**

We recently undertook a survey of our service users' families. 100% said they would recommend Branching Out, their family member enjoyed coming to Branching Out and they found the staff to be friendly. They also told us we are an "Excellent provider for various needs, a supportive safe environment,

allows clients to grow their life skills and be productive members of the local community, staff and leadership are exemplary, good communication with staff, good partnership working, open throughout the year, local, friendly, and professional, and please keep going, an amazing service.”

## How can you help?

We really need volunteers in our charity shop and our eBay shop.

In our eBay shop we are looking for people to help take photographs of items and with packaging and taking items to the post office.

In our charity shop we are looking for people to help putting donations on coat hangers, steaming items,

general maintenance and cleaning of the shop, talking to customers, restocking the shop floor. If you think you can help us with any of this please call 01353 863221

During December we will have our annual Christmas window display in our charity shop windows at 12 High Street. This year's theme will be based on one window as a traditional inside Christmas and the second window is based on a traditional outside Christmas. The Branching Out team and service users have really enjoyed making it and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Find us on [www.facebook.com/TheBranchingOut](https://www.facebook.com/TheBranchingOut)



# Littleport Rangers FC Update!

## Under 8s

The Under 8s are now getting stuck into their second season of football and are enjoying playing football and developing their skills on a weekly basis. The players and parents travel across the county, early on a Saturday morning, playing against teams in the Cambridgeshire mini soccer league 5v5 format. Back in May the players had the opportunity to play on the pitch at the Abbey, home of Cambridge United, against some of the best teams in the area with parents and family members from 50 teams cheering everyone on from the stands. It was a great experience for the team and supporters and was thoroughly enjoyed by the team. The team have also played in our own tournament

which was organised by the club in the summer. In June we travelled to Wisbech St Mary to play in one of the biggest tournaments in the country. We have 10 players registered with the league playing for the Under 8s and an additional 10 players of mixed age and ability who train on a Wednesday night with us. As well as continuing as a team, one of our aims is to find enthusiastic volunteers to coach and create new teams for the additional players.

The team would like to thank our fantastic sponsor D Silcock Construction who have supplied a full kit, rain jackets and hats for the team and also trophies for our tournament that the club held earlier in the year.



*Littleport Rangers FC Under 8 Team*





*Littleport Rangers FC Under 11 Yellow Team*

## Under 11s

The Under 11 Yellow team have recently been sponsored by D Allen Services. They have provided all the players with jackets. This is the Yellow's second season with Littleport Rangers. We are lucky to have three Under 11 teams. The Whites are new to Rangers and are having a great season. The Under 11 Navy team have been together for three seasons and have had a great start to the new season.

## Under 12s

This season the Under 12s joined the Cambridgeshire colts league playing in the 9v9 format, they've had a great start and are really enjoying it. At the time of writing we have W4, L1, D1 and are 2nd in the league. The team has really developed since last season and continue to do so each week. As individuals they are more confident and as a team they are capable of playing some great football which the coaches and parents really enjoy watching. The league is really competitive and

some of the matches have been really close, a recent match against Trumpington was 2-2 with 8 seconds left when Ralph Twinn ran through from defence and scored the winner. Our most recent match away to Cottenham we were playing really well but losing 2-1, then with a few minutes left Callum Lee produced a wonder goal from outside the box to earn us a hard-fought point. More exciting than the premier league! The team would like to thank Sigma Embroidery for their kit and Maniit contractors for this season's training tops.

### Do you want to help coach the next generation of footballing talent?

Littleport Rangers are looking for coaches to help with U7s/8 team! If you are interested and would like to get involved, or would like further information, please contact Katie Pendle on:  
**Lrhc-secretary@hotmail.co.uk**

# theWI Littleport Women's Institute

## INSPIRING WOMEN Jam and Jerusalem?

*A member of the Littleport Women's Institute writes:*

**W**e do sing the beautiful hymn Jerusalem, but make jam? No, I have not made jam in all the time I have been a member which is over 10 years.

Apart from our speakers, demonstrators, entertainment etc which we enjoy at our monthly meetings; we receive invitations to other Institutes. We make frequent visits to place of interest, or outings simply for entertainment, and often invite guests to come along with us.

One such visit was in September. We went to Turners of Soham accompanied by some guests, male and female. What a brilliant evening and a real eye opener for many of us, as many thought - as

I had, that this company had a fleet of lorries that delivered all over the UK, and that was it. So we were surprised at the enormous scale of the site and the activity going on.

We were greeted by Stephen who was so friendly and accommodating. Once health and safety were out of the way and our high vis vest put on, hands washed etc., we were taken to the packing room where we saw personnel attending huge machines packing fruit. The large majority of this was destined for Tesco branches.

Grapes that had been picked 3 days previously, shipped across from Spain, collected from the port by a Turners lorry, were being inspected for quality etc.,



*A visit to Turners delivered smiles for the WI of Littleport*

sealed, taken to the huge storage areas, before being loaded and delivered all within 2 days, meaning the fruit was on sale 5 days from vine to plate.

In another part of the packing room we saw citrus fruit being inspected, netted and packed ready for delivery. This fruit came from far and wide.

The warehouses were a real surprise, the height of the stacks really surprised most of us. I have never seen such tall stacks of produce or goods.

A visit to the freezer room was very chilly, so much so that staff work in there for just 20 minutes at a time, but this was very interesting to see.

We also visited the office which manages the dispatch of the lorries and saw how they were tracked and hours managed and so much more. The staff on duty were so patient with all the questions, and nothing was too much trouble to show us on the computer what was going on. There was so much to see and so very much more to the company than most of us realised. We were then taken back to the main block and treated to refreshments while many questions were answered.

*Our other outings are trips to Cromer to see the End of Pier Show, Shopping trips to Downtown Boundary Mills, Jigsaw mornings, Fish and Chip Suppers, and much more. Lady Carnarvon will be the speaker at the next Federation meeting.*

So the Women's Institute is not just Jam and Jerusalem but much more. You are very welcome to give it a try. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7:15 pm

# ThePORT Youth Group

## The Port goes from strength to strength!

The Port is a very successful social club for young people in Littleport. It is superbly managed by Joanne Coe who received the Citizen of the Year accolade for her efforts just this year!

They coincide with school holidays and this winter the last session is December 9th for the Christmas Quiz, Prize Bingo and sale of Christmas gifts.

Then it closes for the holidays and reopens 13th January 2020!

The Port youth group is open Mondays for school year 5/6 from 4.15pm until 5.30pm and for year 6 plus from 5.30pm until 7pm.

Held at the Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club on Pontois Hill, the cost is just £1.50 per session.







## CHRISTMAS AT LITTLEPORT LEISURE

It's a Christmas Extravaganza for the whole of December here at Littleport Leisure and we would like to welcome you to enjoy our events.

Our Christmas begins on **Saturday 7th December** with **Christmas Party Night** for adults. The evening consists of a three-course meal, followed by dancing with Intercity Disco. The cost of the party is £29.95. Great food, great atmosphere and great value!

On **Wednesday 11th December** we would like to invite you to come along with your pre-school children to our **Christmas Messy Café**. There will be lots of things to do and make following the Christmas theme and it will not be your home getting messy!!

On **Sunday 15th December** we invite you to put your thinking caps on and join us for our **monthly quiz**. Teams can be from 2 to 6 people and the fun starts at 7pm.

The Vine Community Church are returning to us on **Wednesday 18th December** with their **Pantomime 'Happily Ever After'**. Tickets are available from Reception.

A very exciting and welcome return for us this year is our **Tea with Santa** on **Saturday 21st December** as part of our Christmas spectacular. Take a walk through our magical Grotto and find Santa and his four-legged friend.

We will also have a Face Painter, Alfie McCreadie the young magician with plenty of tricks up his sleeve, Craft Corner, Littleport Players and Soft Play to keep your children entertained. A professional photographer will be here to capture that magical meet and greet with Santa, you will be able to purchase these photographs if you wish. All children aged 0 to 10 years are welcome to join in the fun.

In addition to Tea with Santa we will also be hosting **Adam's Farmers Market** on **Saturday 21st December** together with a **Christmas Craft Fayre**, where you will be able to buy those last-minute bits for Christmas. The market and Craft Fayre will begin at 1pm and finish at 5pm. If you would like a table at the Craft Fayre please contact Jo on 01353 373800 or email [hospitality@littleportleisure.uk](mailto:hospitality@littleportleisure.uk)

There is no better way to end our Christmas events than an afternoon of **Wrestling**. The Ultimate British Wrestling group are back on **Sunday 22nd December**. If you haven't been and watched them before then please come along to this event. It is a great afternoon of good family entertainment.

If you would like any further details regarding any of these events please call 01353 373800 or email [reception@littleportleisure.uk](mailto:reception@littleportleisure.uk)

# Learning Matters...

I was at a consultation recently and came across a situation that I often see. The student was a very willing, and a very well-meaning student; keen to do well, and keen to please. But she was struggling with learning and school. Something I kept hearing her say was “I don’t like school.” It felt like she was comparing herself to her friends and, in her mind’s-eye, coming off worse. In one particular case, the student did actually say that she wanted to be more like another student, who had done really well in her mock GCSEs.

In another consultation I came across a student who is clearly bright and able but had his mum exasperated with his lack of drive. His teachers commented, “He has the potential to be a great student but he isn’t willing to focus on his studies.” All parents share this sense of frustration when their child seems unwilling to give something a go that they are perfectly capable of achieving.

## Do either of these situations sound familiar?

When I come across students who are feeling like this, lacking in focus, lacking in self-belief, then what I often conclude is that what is really lacking is sense of direction and a sense of purpose. This is where goals, and in particular, goal setting comes in; having something to aim for, something to ‘go for’, is hugely important.

And all research shows that doing just this, is so important and effective. Goal setting can make us up to 10 times more successful.

Goals are hugely motivating provided they are something that we genuinely believe in. What’s more, behaviours that support

goal achievement are worth learning and add huge value to all walks of life. For example, the planning and prioritising of time, personal organisation, focus and concentration and persistence are all skills that support goal achievement and support learning. Such skills are often called ‘executive functioning skills’ and it is the development of these skills which underpins goal achievement and achievement in all walks of life. These skills help us all throughout all of our lives. Having a goal helps to bring a purposefulness and is an antidote to a lack of direction.

So, how do we, as adults and parents promote goal setting in our children? Encouraging a goal setting mindset can start with the very young, for example, by noticing, and drawing their attention to, times when they have used goal setting techniques for instance saving pocket money. Goals can be small, for example, finishing a book together. Many children have something they want to achieve, whether its dancing, playing an instrument, playing a sport or anything. It’s good to encourage them to choose their own goals. A final tip would be to listen out for when your child says “I wish” then talk them through how they could achieve this wish. We need a goal and goals are very powerful tools.

And what is a goal other than a dream put into action and put into practice.

***“All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them”***  
said Walt Disney.

I hope that 2020 is a year in which dreams come true for all.

*David Barker*



# Littleport Community Primary School News

*"You're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!" Dr Seuss*

**T**he return to school can often be a daunting one for children and even more so for parents dropping their little ones off at the school door for the very first time, but I was pleased to see so many smiley faces coming through the school gates in September. There have been a great many number of activities taking place that the start of the academic year seems like a distant memory! What follows is just a flavour of what has been happening at Littleport Community Primary School

## Early Years Foundation Stage

The transition into school has been very successful, it has given the children time to slowly learn the daily routine, the class rules, and more importantly, it has given them the time to make new friends and

explore the indoor and outdoor provision. The children were particularly excited to begin their first P.E. lesson, where they have learnt the safety rules by playing active games such as 'traffic lights.' At lunchtime they have all been very grown up in ordering their lunch and independently collecting their trays and cutlery. They are then taken by older children who help them outside when they have finished their lunch.

We would like to thank those of you who have taken the opportunity to join the children for lunch, attend coffee afternoons and for participating in the play and learn workshops. It has been great to see so many of you and has given the children the opportunity to show you around their new classroom.

**Ms Gaines,  
EYFS Leader**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again, our Year 6 pupils and our chief organiser, Ms Duffield, hosted a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan. We were delighted to welcome parents, carers and other members of the community to our school hall to enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cakes. There were also prizes to be won in our raffle and guess the length of the sausage roll competition! Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day or sent in cakes and prizes. We managed to raise £477 for this great cause!

## Grafham Water

One of the highlights of the year for our Year 6s has to be the trip to Grafham Water. The weather as we left school was rather grim but that didn't dampen our spirits and the sun reappeared



just in time for our first activities. Over the three days, all the children had the opportunity to test their endurance on the 10-mile bike ride, their teamwork in raft building and sailing and their courage on the high ropes - even Mr Rivett had a go! We had lots of fun trying new things, working with different people and getting muddy on the Grafham Challenge. What a great way to start a busy year!

**Ms Hoal,  
Upper School Leader**

## World Clean Up Day

On Friday 27th September, a group of children and staff from our school participated in a community litter pick as part of World Clean Up Day. We accumulated nearly two large bags of rubbish from just collecting in Parsons Lane, including a large amount of cigarette ends. The children really enjoyed taking part in this activity and are keen to participate in this again another time.

The school holds a weekly well-attended eco-club for the children, and they have inspired the PTFA to wrap all



this year's Christmas Shop presents in 100% recyclable paper and tape.

The Christmas Shop is run by the PTFA so children can purchase presents to give to family and friends. "It's so popular with the children as it means they buy presents at pocket money prices to put under their tree," says PTFA chair Rachel Dray. "And now parents and carers can simply pop the wrapping in their recycling bin, helping cut down on the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill. It's a win-win!"

Our school 'Eco Club' has discussed how we can make a positive

impact in our community and we are now accepting used markers, felt-tip pens and biro's which we will be taking to a local recycling collection point. Any used writing instruments can be dropped off for recycling at our school office. We also hope to expand our recycling network further in the future.

**Ms Krajewski,  
Eco Club Leader**

On the 10th October we supported the #IAMWHOLE campaign. The aim of the campaign is to encourage young people to challenge harmful language and negative stigma surrounding mental health and encourage others to speak out and seek help.

**Ms Armstrong, SENCO**

I am looking forward to a very successful year here at Littleport Community Primary School. We cannot wait to share our learning with you.

**Adam Rivett,  
Headteacher, Littleport  
Community Primary  
School**

**Director of East Cambs  
and Fenland Research  
School**



# Millfield School



The new school year at Millfield has started well and we have welcomed some new members of staff. Ms Dutton and Ms Sibson have joined key stage 1, while Ms Rush and Ms Wright have joined key stage 2. Despite being on maternity leave, Ms Ashley keeps popping in which is lovely - time will fly and she will soon be back! It is with sadness that we said 'good-bye' at the October half term to Ms Ashby who led PE at Millfield; she was a great PE leader and through her work, the children had some wonderful opportunities and the School retained its Gold School Games Award. I know she was very sad to leave us as she often described her role as her 'dream job' but extended family circumstances meant she needed to focus on matters closer to home - we send her our best wishes.

Soon into the year, Year 6 children took part in a residential visit to PGL Caythorpe in Lincolnshire. We have been a number of times and it never ceases to amaze me how very different children can be, when away from school and home - those who you think might not enjoy such physical activity absolutely thrive on it and those parents who say their child 'won't eat this, won't eat that' and even send them with a box of the sort of food they will eat as they are allegedly so fussy, well, all I can say is, it's amazing what long days of physical activity out in the fresh air can do for their appetites! Year 4 this year went to Whitwell and had another great time taking part in adventurous activities and sleeping under canvas.



These residential visits couldn't happen without the commitment from staff and this year's Y4 trip was particularly memorable for 2 teachers - neither has a fond relationship with spiders so when a colleague placed a large plastic spider in one of their sleeping bags, it didn't go down well! Apparently, it really did move... That's imagination and a dark tent for you! Revenge was served in the form of filling the joker's car with shredded paper!

A growing strength in the school is Forest School. Millfield is blessed with fantastic grounds and, unlike some schools that have to use a designated and fenced off area, children at Millfield use the whole site for Forest School. A big thank you must go to parents who come to help with this activity.

There have also been visits this term with a historical focus. Years 5 and 6 visited Sutton Hoo and Years 3 and 4 spent time in Cambridge at the Zoology and Archaeology Museums.

**Deborah Hannaford** *Headteacher*



## Real help for the community!

Susan Green tells us about:

### Littleport Independent Foodbank

#### **We are now in our fourth year of Littleport Independent Foodbank.**

We operate from St George's Church every Tuesday and Friday from 10 in the morning until 12 noon. We are always grateful to the church for allowing us to 'take over' their vestry, and we do take up quite a lot of space!

We are so fortunate to be supported by such a caring community and humbled by people's kindness.

One lady come rain or shine visits us weekly with a whole trolley-full of donations.

The prisoners at HM Prison Whitemoor donate food to us. We attend their church service every couple of months and return laden down with bags of food.

We are indeed an independent foodbank and we like to think that people will just come in and chat to us if they need support. Because we are independent, they do not need a voucher - just come in and see us. We will always try and help, not just with food but advice on matters which may be a concern.

We try and connect people to the support agencies they need. We are also happy to make a cup of tea and have a chat about concerns anyone may have.

Littleport is a caring community if our cupboards are short of anything, we know

once we have put a shout out on Facebook, these items will be donated to us.

Often people whom we have helped, return to us with donations. It is wonderful to see them back on their feet and thinking of people who are still struggling .

We deliver to people who are house-bound or cannot get to us in our opening hours.

If anyone knows of a person who needs help and is unable to come in, please do tell us.

There are donation boxes at both Coops and One Stop in Wisbech Road and we are always happy to collect

Elaine and I would never manage without the help of Mandy who sorts out all the cupboards and stacks donations away. How she fits everything in we do not know, and she knows where everything in. Does not matter how many donations arrive at the same time within a very short time they are all stacked neatly away. We miss her desperately if she takes a day off which fortunately for us is not very often .

We are also fortunate to have the support of our husbands John and Peter who are responsible for a lot of behind the scenes activities. We all work as a team.

In an ideal world we would not be needed but whilst we are, we all always do our best to support those who need us.





# East Cambridgeshire District Community Eyes and Ears Scheme

You may have heard of the East Cambs District Council Community Eyes and Ears Scheme; see East Cambs website [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or Littleport Life's Facebook page for further information.

The scheme was developed to help residents report anything they are concerned about, and the booklet has been distributed widely throughout the district. The scheme has been very successful and is now moving on a stage further with a relaunch in October at Ely Cathedral, an updated booklet, and a campaign to recruit Community Eyes and Ears Champions within our communities.

With this in mind, Shona McKenzie, the Community Safety Partnership representative for ECDC has been working closely with Nyree Scott of the County Council to set up an 'Award in Volunteering' course. The 'Award in Volunteering' is a recognised qualification in itself, but the course is being developed with additional material to cover the Community Eyes and Ears scheme, which will enable the learners to become Community Eyes and Ears Champions.

We are really pleased that Littleport is the first location within East Cambs where the course will run, and a flyer is attached giving further information, but I've listed a few details below:-

- **Location** - Parish Council Chamber, The Barn, Littleport
- **Start Date** - 19th September - 23rd January 2020 (15 weeks)
- **Time** - 1.00-3.00pm (times can be tweaked if children need to be collected from school)

- **Cost** - Free for adults over 19 years with an income of £16,000 and under. The full cost of the course is £95.00, but if anyone would like to do this course and is not sure if they are eligible for full funding please do contact Cambridgeshire County Council on the number or email below to check, or the Parish Council who will find out for you.

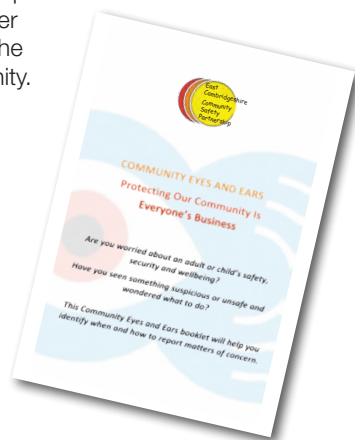
The course is suitable for anyone who is currently a volunteer, might wish to become a volunteer, or may like the opportunity to gain an additional qualification.

If interested, please do contact either the County Council on **01223 7033530** or email **CambsALS@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** if you require any further information.

Alternatively you can contact me, or the Littleport Parish Council Clerks on **01353 860449**. Spaces are limited so be sure to register your interest at the earliest opportunity.

*Jo Webber*

**Parish and District Councillor for Littleport**



# Littleport Lions Club News!



## *Littleport Lions Charter Meal*

On 15th September 2019, The Lions Club of Littleport and their guests, who included New Century Lions, had their Charter Meal at the High Flyer pub in Ely.

The Mayor of Ely, Michael Rouse, gave a speech at the meal about the events he has attended during this year. He also spoke about fundraising for the Mayor's charity. He praised the Lions for all their valuable work in the community.



Club member, Lillian Pettifor, was awarded Lion of the Year by the President Michael Stares. This was for all her hard work as the organiser, promoter and distributor of the 'Message in a Bottle' programme. This initiative is where members of the public are given a specially designed bottle to store medical information at home for paramedics to easily access in an emergency, which is funded by the local Lions Club.

Lastly, everyone enjoyed their Sunday roast and a raffle was held at the end of the meal where lots of people were delighted by their prizes.

***Genevieve Battey***

*Photos taken by His Worship the Mayor of Ely, Michael (Mike) Rouse.*

On October 20th 2019, the Lions Club of Littleport attended the Mayor of Ely's charity dinner. The Mayor of Ely has praised the club for their charity and community work. The Lions Club of Littleport has recently supported the local Scouts and Guides.

The months of November and December are a festive time for the club. The Lions steward the fireworks at The Grange, on 5th November, at Littleport every year. Also,

Breakfast with Santa is being held at The Almonry Ely on 21st, 23rd and 24th Dec at 8am. This is a ticketed event which sells out every year by September.

The Lions Club of Littleport would like to thank and wish everyone a Merry Xmas. We look forward to helping our community again in the New Year. We also encourage new members to come visit us on the first Sunday of the month, 2pm, at the Adams Heritage Centre, Main Street, Littleport.

# ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



A common misconception is that Christianity is all a bit polite, a bit genteel; like tea and buns with the vicar. But No! Christianity consistently challenges us with questions about life, the universe and everything at every turn.

As I write, we are moving from harvest time through Advent, to winter and Christmas and throughout it all, there is nothing restrained about the Christian message. The bible readings we use at harvest are drawn from many passages which speak of abundant growth: Advent is when we look at people like Abraham, Moses and others who restate the same message of this presumptuous God who won't go away, endorsed later by the Prophets. And of course, Christmas, which contrary to what we might think, wasn't quiet and unobtrusive at all – just ask any woman who's given birth!

One of the ways we have explored this at St George's is using our trebuchet. Yes, correct, we've still got it and it remains a serious piece of kit. Our trebuchet represents a powerful, insistent God who won't stop from wanting His message to break through. At harvest time, we think about the fruit of the Spirit, big concepts like love, joy, peace, faithfulness. It's no coincidence that those same concepts crop up again throughout Advent and again at Christmas. People whose lives were very different to our own related to exactly the same "fruits" and concluded that actually, there is something bigger than us going on in the world.

You may be thinking, now hang on; isn't a trebuchet a weapon of war for smashing through stone walls? Yes, it is; but how

about employing such a weapon to break through walls of a different

sort? The wall of Christmas nostalgia perhaps, where we build a picture of an imagined past where all was well; and we build a wall of glittery things to crouch behind and pretend that the world does not contain darkness, ever. Yet even a cursory look through human history soon shows that there never was such a time.

Or perhaps we build a wall of complete certainty in humanity's own ability to make everything good. There are always building blocks ready for that wall; do enough research, use the right words, draft the right policies then, we say, we'll be fine. Fancy another look through history anyone? And I do of course include in that the abuse of position by the Church.

But maybe we just encounter questions about life, the universe and everything and build an endless series of walls; thrown up and torn down in the blink of an eye because life is what it is, no point thinking more than that.

Christianity, powerful and insistent, calls us to celebrate God's interaction with His world throughout the year, not only at Christmas time. But whilst it is, of course, good to have a lovely Christmas (and a sadness that many do not) Christmas is a particularly poignant time to think about the walls we may perhaps build... and to take them down; to simply enter the stable and encounter a powerful peace, a firm justice and an unflinching love.

Wishing you every blessing,  
**Rev'd Howard Robson**



# Vine Community Church

## A time for giving, a time for getting

I have an ear-worm. Not a wriggly slimy thing in my ear but a song that is going round and round in my head:

***'A time for giving, a time for getting,  
A time for forgiving, a time for  
forgetting'***

These are lyrics from 'Mistletoe and Wine' – a song that doubtless has been heard across the supermarket aisles as we all prepare for Christmas.

I will be ready and keen to give out presents to family and friends on Christmas Day. But I am conscious there are others to think about too. I can't ignore the fact that my money could be helping those who have very little. My challenge is to remember that God gave us his son, Jesus, and we are reminded by the adult Jesus to think of those who have less than us. If everyone reading this magazine were to share what we have, even in a small way, this would really make a difference to those who have nothing Christmassy to look forward to this year. Perhaps we could all donate extra to the food bank, or call on an elderly neighbour with some mince pies, or help with someone's shopping. There are plenty of ways we can give even if we have no spare money – is there someone who would be pleased to see you if you dropped in to say hello? Can you encourage a friend?

But what about the other line I have quoted that keeps going round my head? Have we a relative or friend to forgive this Christmas? And can we try to forget past upsets? This would reflect

back on us by taking away angry or resentful feelings. That's a gift to the one who needs forgiving and to yourself.

So what is the meaning of present giving? It is a representation of all God has given us and a reminder of the gifts given to the baby Jesus. We mustn't forget the greatest gift of all – God's son. The song says Christmas is:

***'A time for living, a time for  
believing'***

What do you believe as you give and receive gifts this holiday season? Are you looking for more joy and peace in your life? It's:

***'Yours for the taking.  
Just follow the Master'.***

Who is the Master? The song points us to the person who is the whole reason for Christmas - Jesus Christ.

Happy Christmas!

**Angela Hobday**

### **Christmas services at our building in Globe Lane**

#### **Carol Service**

Sunday 22nd December 10.30 am

#### **Christmas Day Service**

10.30 am (short service)



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# The Vine Community Church



## Baby and Toddler Group Monday

(term) 10.00 - 11.30am  
Tel. Julie 07790 304099



**House Groups (evening) - Tuesday and Wednesday** times vary ~ 7.15 - 9.15pm

**House Groups (day) - Wednesday**  
10.30am - 12.00noon (biweekly)

**Coffee Break - Thursday** (term time) 10.30 - 12.00noon - Coffee/Tea and home made cakes



**ENERGISE! - Friday (term)**  
5.15pm to 6.30pm  
5 - 11 year olds



## Sunday

**Worship** 10.30am - 12.00 followed by refreshments  
We have a **crèche** and **Stars** Children's Group

You are very welcome to visit us. For further information email [vineccl18@gmail.com](mailto:vineccl18@gmail.com) or tel. 01353 861478 and leave a message.

The Vine Community Church, Globe Lane, Littleport. CB6 1PW  
We are also on [vineccl.org.uk](http://vineccl.org.uk) and [facebook.com/vineccl](https://facebook.com/vineccl)

# St John's Methodist Church



*High Street, Littleport*

## Sunday Services

**Morning:** 10.45am – weekly

**Evening:** 6.30pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

5.00pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, at St George's

**Flower & Friendship Club:** 7pm on the last Monday of the month

**Coffee Mornings:** 10-12noon on the first Saturday of each month

**Minister:** Rev. Catherine Dixon (01353 720347)

*Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by arrangement*

<http://www.elyandnewmarketmethodists.org.uk/littleport>

***Alive in Christ..... Worship,  
Mission and Service***



# CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALISTS IN LITTLEPORT



Although the well-established Spiritualist meetings on a Thursday night at the Village Hall are obviously geared to local people after a bit of spiritual upliftment, guidance and messages from 'Beyond', there is more to your Littleport Christian Spiritualists' group than you might think. Even more than the development circles, healing circles and various regular workshops led by its Pastor, the Right Reverend Nick Brown and his team of ministers would have you assume.

Affiliated to the New Christian Spiritualists' Society (NCSS) that has many similar churches dotted around the country, it has a global as well as local presence over the ether on the web with more information at [www.newchristianspiritualistsociety.com](http://www.newchristianspiritualistsociety.com) and its founder, Littleport based Lyn Gibb-de Swarte who founded the Littleport Church-in-a-Suitcase many years ago, writes a regular monthly page in the popular national Spiritualist newspaper, *Psychic World*, that was itself founded by famous pioneering Spiritualist medium Maurice Barbanell, who also founded and edited the *Psychic News* weekly Spiritualist paper that the once upon a time award-winning sports journalist and editor, Lyn, edited from 1996 until 2003.

Lyn is probably better known locally for her secular work as Editor of the Littleport Life Magazine, and for a long time the 'Lyn of Littleport' columnist in the *Ely Standard*. By the same token she has been trying to get an ice stadium built in Littleport for the last 5 years.

Lyn was also an indoors/short track ice speed skater who came to the fens to race in the old days, and an ice hockey player - and is now promoter of Bandy, a fen sport she is trying to get re-established in England from her base in Littleport.

Thus the spirituality of Spiritualism and the physicality of sport have been inextricably linked to this village.

Littleport and its Christian Spiritualist activities is actually viewed as the hub for many Spiritualists of like mind in the UK and abroad. And it is

very much a part of Littleport's community, and although it has its adversaries, religious and atheistic in similar measure, its friends and followers are many.

The messages of hope and love and comfort, the healing vibrations that are sent out, the spiritual love and its simple tenets are appealing, particularly in the depths of winter. Whether that is the cold chill and darkness felt within by an individual, or the inclement weather without.

Perhaps countryside dwellers, like the Littleportians, have always suffered the most materially in the months of winter with farming work difficult to come by and the fens drained long since putting an end to subsistence wildfowling. But there is a spirit of optimism still apparent that must come from the very psyche of its residents who've lived here since there was first a settlement on the banks of the river. (Well they put up with the Romans for a start!) Since the draining there was always hope of a good frost and some prize racing at Littleport and the mutual aid network for food...

As Christians like the early followers of Jesus and the Spiritual Way, we look always to making the best we can out of difficult situations and as the old traditionally sporting hymn exhorts, ask God to point us to the light, never more so than when the days are darkest.

As Littleport Christian Spiritualists, we know that as well as channelling healing from the angelic realms, relieving earthly suffering, that we have the consolation of knowing that there is no death of anyone's inner spirit and soul and that all are reunited eventually in a balmy summerland where all pain is forgotten and progress is open to every human soul.

May you have a wonderful winter - and you are welcome to our meetings, whether you are of any religion or none, in a spirit of love and friendship.

Happy Christmas and New Year from us to you.

Please check the Facebook page for dates and special events.



## Rotary Club of Littleport — Update

A tribute to John Crane — Airman, Haulier, Councillor, Rotarian and Gentleman.

Sadly John died on the 17th August 2019 age 96 years.

John was born in Bicester on 22nd September 1923.



John, was very young, when he and his parents moved to Littleport.

The family moved into a Granby Street house, which later became Coleby's. After leaving school John worked with his father in his haulage contracting business.



When World War 2 broke out in 1939, John volunteered to join the Royal Air Force but was not called up until his nineteenth birthday in 1942. Enlisting at Lord's Cricket Ground he began his pilot training flying a Tiger Moth. John was later sent to America to continue his training flying Harvards, Dakotas and many more in Miami and Oklahoma— gaining his wings on 5th February 1944.

John came home in October 1944 on a troop ship—frequently the Atlantic Liners were used as troop ships, the Queen Mary alone carried 750,000 troops across the Atlantic during WW2.

During John's voyage to England he was accompanied by Frank Sinatra, who was there to entertain the troops.

John then joined the Glider Pilot Regiment to train as a glider pilot and was involved in a number of major operations, Firstly Market Garden 17 September 1944—Some may Remember the film A Bridge too far. John fresh with his New Wings was deployed as a C47/Dakota Tug pilot which towed a glider to Arnhem together with hundreds of others.

Varsity on 24th March 1945, which was the most successful airborne operation of World War 2. John then flew to Hamminkeln in Germany in a Horsa Glider which was towed by a Halifax Bomber, John landed his glider in a field with a copse. He then had to find his own way home. After the war ended John was involved in the Berlin Air Lift, dropping food supplies into Germany.



John was demobbed in January 1946 and came home, to continue working in the family Haulage Business.

John became very much involved in many committees in Littleport, including serving over 40 years on both Parish Council and the Townlands Charity. Following in his Father Jack's footsteps — John was Chainman of the Parish Council, for many years.

Others were Littleport Village Hall, The Rotary Club, The Leisure Centre Committee and East Cambs District Council. John also helped to run tea dances and whist drives for several years. John held the Deputy Church Warden position here at St Georges for over 10 years and while still being involved with the Royal Observer Corps.

John was a great fan of Ken Dodd and also a great supporter of Arsenal Football Team and travelled to attend many matches. John and Joyce spent many years enjoying ballroom dancing together and John took interest in anything to do with aeroplanes going to lots of air shows and was lucky enough to win a trip on Concorde to celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, flying from Mildenhall to London and back.

John also took all the family on a gliding holiday at St Just in Cornwall in 1968 which everyone enjoyed. John married Joyce on 26th October 1944 here in St George's and they would have been celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary this year. John and Joyce went on to have three children, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. John was dearly loved by all his family, will be greatly missed by everyone and fondly remembered.



## Rotary Club of Littleport

John Crane was a founder Member of our club, which was chartered in May 1982 He was our 3rd President for the Rotary Year 1984/85

To the Right > John welcoming a new Member in 1984

Below John at a Rotary function in May 2012 our oldest surviving Past president at 88 years .....

Paul Cox— Friend



If you want to have a chat about becoming involved in Rotary, call Ian Burrows on: 07803 088352

If you want to find out more about our Rotary Club. **Take a look at our website:** [www.littleportrotary.org.uk](http://www.littleportrotary.org.uk) **Paul Cox—Design Studio**





*Primitive Methodist Chapel aka Steam Engine Methodist, Claude Starling pulled it down and kept all the 'name' bricks and the Plaque.*

## **The Skaters Sermon given by lay preacher, Rhiny Fletcher in 1900 in the Steam Engine Primitive Methodist Church on the Hundred Foot River.**

**N**ow all of you know me when I spent my Sundays skating instead of preaching, but that was when I worked for the old Devil, But I gave him notice and now I work for another Master, though that doesn't go to say I never go skating. What I want to tell you is this: that the first skater we read about is Job. Who was Job? Well, I'll tell you. He was



*CG Tebbutt speed skating at Littleport 1893*

a Fenman. You want to know how I know that? It's in the book he wrote, thousands of years ago, where he says: 'Behemoth lieth in covert reed and fen.'

I don't know who Behemoth was, he might have been a gamekeeper or something like that, but what I do know is, that there's reed and there's fen, and if Job hadn't lived in the Fens, how would he have known about reeds and fen?

Now you want to know how I know that Job was a skater. Well, doesn't he say: 'By the breath of God frost is given?' And you know, as well as I do, frost makes ice and ice makes skating. And if Job hadn't been a skater he wouldn't have written: 'My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.' What he wanted us to know was that he skated backwards and forwards like you do today, only I'm

not going to say he was like you, skating from one pub to the next along the river. There's something else too, to show I'm right. Look at my face; all you can see is wrinkles, and if you want to know what caused those wrinkles, it was skating into the sun with my eyes half-shut. And Job did the same. Listen: 'And Thou has filled me with wrinkles.' That's good enough for me. But if you want to hear more, then he writes: 'The face of the deep is frozen.' What he means by that is: 'Get out your pattens, the ice will bear you.' And he goes on to say: 'The waters are hid as with a stone.' If he stood here today, instead of me, you'd hear him telling you the ice would bear a traction engine, because that's what he meant. And I don't mind telling you another thing, and that is, Job was quite used to seeing his early potatoes cut off by the frost. That's what happened one morning when he went indoors and said the early spuds were finished, he meant those 'Which are black by reason of ice'.

Another thing I can tell you is this: If Job didn't live in the Fen, how did he know about the Denver Sluice? Yes, I thought

that would make you open your eyes. Well, can anyone tell me what he meant if it wasn't the Denver Sluice he meant when he said: 'They have set doors and bars to keep out the sea.' And he knew, as well as you do that doors didn't only keep out the sea but they kept the water in the river when it was needed. Haven't you stood on the river bank, just as a nice black frost was sealing the river in with a nice covering of ice, then, just before it was safe for skating, the men at the Sluice opened the doors and let the water run out? And when you saw the ice fall in, and go swirling down the Ten Mile, what did you say when you saw the finest bit of skating in the world spoilt? Now, don't look so sheepish; I know what words you used, as I did the same before I gave up swearing. Now, when Job saw the same thing happen, he didn't swear about the sluice-keeper. This is what he said: 'This is a heinous crime, yea it is an iniquity.' I agree with him there, and what's more, if the sluice had been opened like that in my father's time, they'd have murdered that keeper, and got away with it too.



*Modern Denver Sluice*





There's another thing I can tell you. Job ground his pattens himself. Now most of you have a little grindstone, haven't you? Well, who do you get to turn it when your pattens need grinding? Your wife, don't you? And so did Job, because that's why he said: 'Let the wife grind.' And not having any gloves on, her hands got cold and when she complained to Job about her chilblains, he said the same thing that you do: 'I wash mine in snow.' And you all know that's the finest cure there is.

Most of you men here – and I've done the same thing myself – when you go to a skating match you like to buy a ticket in the sweepstake, don't you? Mind you, I'm not going so far as to prove it, but when he says, 'Every man shall draw after, ' I Take it he meant that, as he was running the sweep, he drew the first runner out of the hat and the others took their chance after. And there's something else I can tell you. You and I have seen some funny things when we've been skating, haven't we? I know I have. And when there are skaters there are laughs and a lot of sly winking going on. Now, you women, there's no need to go red in the face; I haven't said anything to make you do that. What I'm trying to make out to you is, that Job saw some funny things as well. Perhaps you'll be able to tell me, was it at a skating match, or somewhere else, that Job saw

something that made him say: 'and what do my eyes wink at?'

Finally, brothers and sisters, I've done my best to prove to you there was ice and skaters thousands of years ago, and as I know most of you here have had other sporting times besides skating. I can tell you this: Job knew a lot more than he let out in his writings. I reckon before the night's out, some of you will be making your way to where the long-tails sleep, to do the same that Job did: 'And abide in the covert to lie in wait.'

Well, I don't blame you. With this long black frost we're having, and so many being thrown out of work, most of you are hard put to it to know here the next meal's coming from. But I hope you won't lie too long in the coverts or you'll be late getting to Welney Washes tomorrow. I've been told, coming down here today, that there ought to be some fine skating, with plenty of good prize money. And though I'm standing in the chapel pulpit, I can tell you this: the parson at Welney, the Reverend Wilford, who's the best skater a man could ever want to see, is going to be the judge. And now, before I close, I'd like to say that I've been telling you, today, what Job said. Now I'll tell you what I think myself about you all tomorrow: Good skating. I hope you win plenty of prize money, get home before dark, and keep off the beer.

# 363MCC On Point Riders for Remembrance!



*point rider*

This year's Remembrance Annual Parade was for the first time led by Littleport's amazing 363-MCC famous for their charity events like the famous Crowning Around May Day Holiday annual fund-raiser and the yearly Santa Bike Ride.

"What a great honour it was to step into the lead of Littleport's Remembrance Day Parade while flying the Union Jack this year," said a delighted Mark Robinson President of the 363 Motor-Cycle Club.

The Parade toured round behind what in military terms would be the 'point' of an offensive - the leading biker - up through Main Street and down to Church Lane before stopping at St George's Parish Church where the annual morning service was held.

It finally finished at Littleport's War Memorial where all the groups representing the various Organisations and Societies in Littleport laid wreaths.

For your interest, among the groups who were attending for the time were Littleport Rangers FC's Under 8's, Under 11's and Under 12's along with their Coaches Nathan Mitchell, Simon Rampley, Andrew Pendle, Martin Thomas and Brian Tomkins. The



*coming into St George's Church*

honour fell to young Jack Taylor who laid the wreath on the club's behalf.

"Taking part in the Remembrance Parade was a great privilege and a fantastic chance for our children to pay respect to our fallen heroes. It's important as time goes by we continue to remember them," said Coach Simon Rampley.

Beaver and Scout Leader Julie Double said how proud she was of all the children. "who behaved themselves brilliantly".

"I am so proud of them and they did this village proud.

"Seven visiting Matrix and Tigers Explorers also paraded with us, and it truly was an honour to show our respects in this way," commented Julie Double.

363MCC President Robinson said how much all the club enjoy helping out their Littleport community in every way they can! The Littleport community is certainly proud of them!

**Cathy Gibb-de Swarte**



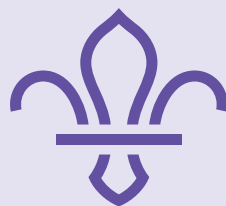
*assembling outside the Ex-Servicemen's Club*



*at the memorial*



# Littleport Scouts Group



## Calling all campers... Adventure calling!

So how do you keep 59 children entertained, fed and happy over a weekend? Send them to camp, of course!

Each September, the leaders from 1st Littleport Scout Group organise a camp for all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Littleport to give the children a taste of life under canvas and parents a well-deserved break.

This year, 59 children ranging in age from six to thirteen headed to Copley Wood Scout camp in St Ives for two days of fun, friendship and badge work. Julie Double, Beaver and Scout leader, was the main organiser. "Camps take a lot of organisation - pretty much a whole year! But it is always worth it as we have such a good time and the children love them," she said.

The camps are based around a theme: recent ones have included Harry Potter and Ronald Dahl. This year, it was the turn of circus skills.

Activities on offer included juggling, Lego walking, fewer risk assessments than fire walking! And balloon modelling.

"I liked the circus skills the best" said Isaac, a Cub Scout. "Now I can juggle!"

There was also the chance to have a go at archery, make a nightlight and cook some yummy treats over a campfire.

"I really liked archery as I've not used the proper bows and arrows before," said Ella, a Scout. Archery was one of Cub Scout Charlie's top activities, too: "I loved it" he said.

## Food glorious food

Feeding 59 children and all the adult helpers is no mean feat, so the brilliant camp cooks were kept busy providing breakfast, lunch and tea, plus several refreshment breaks to ensure everyone had plenty of energy to enjoy everything on offer. The children made sausage rolls for tea to go with their jacket potatoes and baked beans, which was followed by apple pie and custard.

After doing their washing up, everyone headed to the campfire circle. "The children and adults alike all really enjoy the campfire" says Julie. "Nothing beats sitting around the fire and singing songs to round off a busy, but fun day.



*Aiming for success!*



## Hikes, badges and home-time

How much sleep the children get is questionable (often they are talking in their tents into the small hours) but on Sunday they were up early to take down the tents. They then went on a short hike to the local nature reserve and invested five new members to join the Scouting family.

"Activities at camp go towards badges the children work for" says Julie. "For example, we have a Nights Away badge - as staying away from home can be a big deal for some children, so it helps to recognise this. We also have a hikes badge, and a joining in badge. There is a circus badge for the Scouts, but maybe we should suggest there needs to be one for the Beavers and Cubs too!"

Parents arrived after lunch to take their exhausted, slightly grubby but very happy children home. Everyone had a great time - young and slightly older - so a big thanks to all the leaders and helpers for making it such a great weekend. For quite a few of the children, it was their first weekend away with the

Scout group, and it got the thumbs up from them all.

"It was my first Scout camp and I've really enjoyed it" said Cassie, a Scout. "I can't wait until the next one!"

**Louise Parfitt**



*Thumbs up from all.*

If you have a child who would like to join the Scouting adventure, or if you are a young person or adult who wants to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. We are always on the lookout for more help, be it a one-off or a regular thing. Get in touch at [info@1stlittleportscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@1stlittleportscoutgroup.org.uk)



# Welney Wetland Centre

## Winter beckons

**M**ost of the autumn management has now taken place, and finished not too soon as the wet weather throughout October has resulted in the Earith sluice gates opening early. Fingers crossed we won't have to take on excessive quantities of water before winter has properly begun, but it all depends how much water comes down the River Ouse.

As the Bewick's swans have begun their migrations, leaving Arctic Russia this month, the first whooper swans are arriving back. The daily flights to and from the reserve have resumed

and it won't be long before you see them out in the surrounding area during the day starting to feed on harvested fields. We have also been enjoying the sight of lapwing, golden plover and black-tailed godwit flocks increasing in number. These wading birds create the impression of shoals of fish in the sky as they try to evade birds of prey – marsh harrier, peregrine and merlin all play a hand in stirring things up.

With the mild conditions of recent winters we have been recording peak numbers for Bewick's swans of around 1000 birds. We are yet to see our first Bewick's





back for winter this year, but reports have come in of birds flying over Great Yarmouth of the Norfolk coast, so it surely won't be long before we see them. The Ouse Washes are still a stronghold for this species in the UK and these wetlands are still the best place in the UK to see all three swan species – Bewick's, whooper and mute. Staff and volunteers at the centre are happy to help with swan identification and our Swans Awake mornings are a great chance to show visitors the winter wildlife spectacle.

This winter we have new opening times as follows (November-February):

**Mon-Fri 10am – 5pm**

**Sat & Sun 10am – 8pm**

Our floodlit swan feeds will be available Saturday and Sundays each week at 6.30pm (last admission at 6pm), and we will also be putting on swan supper evenings on selected Fridays from November-February (dates in the events listing). We hope that these events will be supported by local residents as well as

members and visitors from further afield.

Over the coming weeks we will be starting our winter bird monitoring with Wetland Bird Surveys, swan roost counts and more. We expect to see numbers of birds increasing as the season progresses – wigeon, teal and pochard being the most numerous and most obvious of the duck species. Then in January we will be taking part in the International Swan Census (a count which takes place every 5 years) so that numbers of whooper and Bewick's swans on the Ouse Washes feed into the populations of these two species.

We hope that you find our articles interesting and informative. If there is anything you would like to have more information about, or would like us to feature in the articles we supply to Littleport Life please contact us on info.welney@wwt.org.uk or pop into the centre to let us know.

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*Photographs by Kim Tarsey*





'Supporting adults with learning disabilities  
to live active and fulfilling lives'

## Have some spare time? We would love you to come and volunteer for us!

There is no such thing as a typical day at Branching Out, you could be helping in the garden, or getting involved with one of our many crafts in the workshop or even in our charity shop in Littleport.

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- A supportive environment focused on making sure you get out of it what you want
- Work experience to help boost your CV

Why volunteer for Branching Out? This is what one of our volunteers said:



"If you have time to give and want to do something rewarding you will not find a more enjoyable fun job to do! Be made to feel part of a team, learn new skills

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To volunteer helping people with learning disabilities call **01353 863221**



To volunteer in our Littleport Charity shop call **01353 863561**



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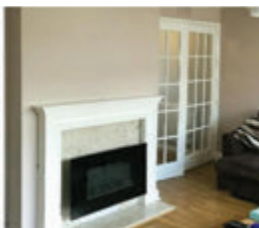
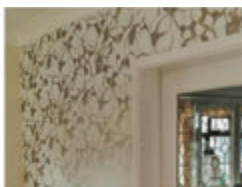
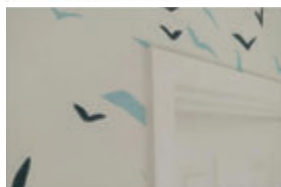
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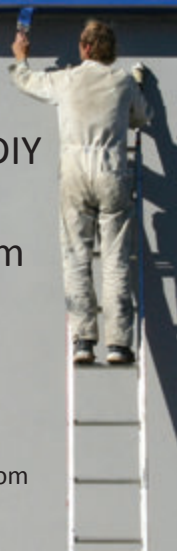
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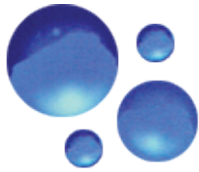
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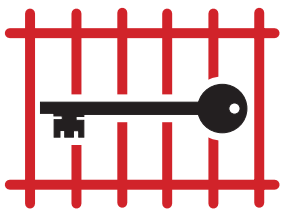
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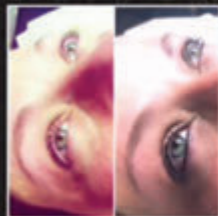
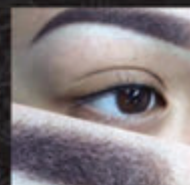


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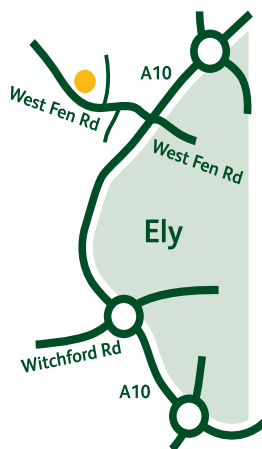
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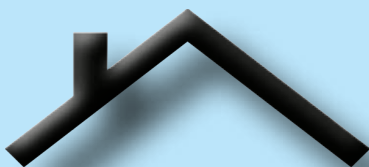
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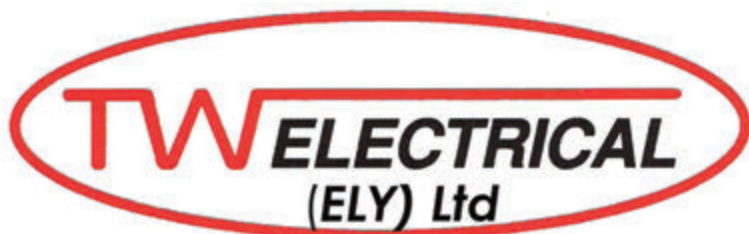
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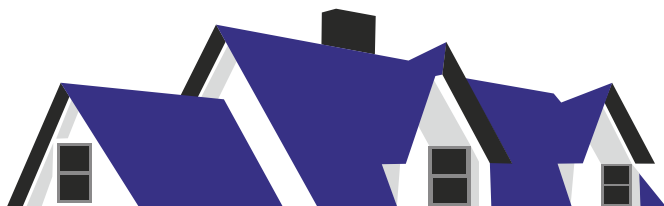
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## **LITTLEPORT & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB - LITTLEPORT VILLAGE HALL DECEMBER 2019**

13/12 Fri Practical evening choosing Christmas designs 7.00pm

## **LITTLEPORT EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**

### **DECEMBER 2019**

07/12 Sat Gymnastics Presentation – Private Party  
14/12 Sat Private Party  
20/12 Fri Private Night – Ticket Only  
21/12 Sat Private Party  
22/12 Sun Kids – Christmas Party with Special Guest + Food 4.00pm – 6.30pm  
31/12 Tues New Year's Eve – Phoenix Show Band (Ticket only from the club)

### **JANUARY 2020**

04/01 Sat Littleport Players Panto 4.00pm – 7.00pm  
11/01 Sat T.B.C.  
18/01 Sat T.B.C.  
25/01 SAT AROUND MIDNIGHT 8.45 pm – Late

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

01/02 Sat GLITZ 8.45 pm – Late  
08/02 Sat T.B.C.  
15/02 Sat Valentine's Dance with Splash 8.45 pm – Late  
22/02 Sat Ravens

## **Members and Non Members Welcome On Entertainment Nights**

## **THE LITTLEPORT SOCIETY – LITTLEPORT VILLAGE HALL**

### **Events are free except where stated.**

### **DECEMBER 2019**

03/12 Tues Strike Up the Band with Littleport Brass 7.30pm  
Tickets £5.00

### **JANUARY 2020**

07/01 Tues Witches and Witch Hunting in East Anglia, 7.30pm  
with Mike Wabe

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

04/02 Tues Annual General Meeting and Prize Quiz Night 7.30pm  
Members only

### **MARCH 2020**

03/03 Tues Ramblings from the Rostrum, with David Palmer 7.30pm

## **THE CROWN INN PUB**

### **DECEMBER 2019**

01/12 Sun Rock Out 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
07/12 Sat Karaoke 8.30pm  
08/12 Sun Adam Thomas 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
14/12 Sat Tim Harwood 8.30pm  
15/12 Sun Ultimate Girl Band 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
19/12 Thur Quiz Night 7.30pm

21/12	Sat	Carl Chapman	8.30pm
24/12	Tues	Intrigue	8.00pm – 11.00pm
26/12	Thurs	Greg	8.30pm
31/12	Tues	Dan Star	

## **FEBRUARY 2020**

01/2	Sat	Jack	8.30pm
8/2	Sat	Carl Chapman	8.30pm
9/2	Sun	Brian Spence	3.00pm – 6.00pm
15/2	Sat	Greg	8.20pm
22/2	Sat	Kristie Read	8.20pm
23/2	Sun	Glitz	3.00pm – 6.00pm

## **THE PLOUGH & HARROW PUB**

### **DECEMBER 2019**

03/12	Tues	Prize Bingo	7.30pm
07/12	Sat	Karaoke	9.00pm
11/12	Wed	Christmas Family Disco	7.00pm
14/12	Sat	Halo	9.00pm
31/12	Tues	New Year's Eve Disco/Karaoke – FREE ENTRY	8.00pm

### **JANUARY 2020**

07/01	Tues	Prize Bingo	7.30pm
15/01	Wed	Quiz Night	8.30pm
25/01	Sat	Drive In's Band	9.00pm

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

01/02	Sat	Michael Jackson Tribute	9.00pm
04/02	Tues	Prize Bingo	7.30pm
08/02	Sat	Karaoke	9.00pm
12/02	Wed	Quiz Night	8.30pm
15/02	Sat	Disco	8.00pm
22/02	Sat	TBC	
29/02	Sat	Iron Fist Band	9.00pm

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### **JANUARY 2020**

14/01	Tues	Textile Art with Melanie Missin.	7.15pm
31/01	Fri	Annual Dinner at the Bowls Club	

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

11/02	Tues	Annual quiz evening with Peter Allen	7.15pm
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## **BLACK HORSE DROVE - COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **DECEMBER 2019**

06/12	Fri	Quiz Night with Peter Allen	7.30pm
07/12	Sat	Christmas Flower workshops with Jess Taylor	2.00pm – 4.30pm
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14/12	Sat	Christmas Flower workshops with Jess Taylor	6.00pm - 8.30pm
		Table/Mantle Swags	
15/12	Sun	Christmas Carol Service with hot mince pies	3.00pm

20/12	Fri	Library Bus	11.45am – 12.10pm
21/12	Sat	Christmas Flower workshops with Jess Taylor Table Decoration	6.00pm – 8.30pm

## JANUARY 2020

17/1	Fri	Library Bus	11.45am – 12.10pm
17/1	Fri	Quiz Night with Peter Allen - Community centre	7.30pm

## FEBRUARY 2020

21/2	Fri	Library Bus	11.45am – 12.10pm
28/2	Fri	Quiz Night with Peter Allen	7.30pm

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## TUESDAY 10 MARCH

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