

Ely Standard Great War articles 1914-1918: an index, compiled by Mike Petty



The Ely Standard articles give a detailed account of various aspects of local life during the Great War. It reports letters back from the front, lists casualties, mentions of Zeppelin raids, aircraft, conscientious objectors, German prisoners of war and local military hospitals. The paper also reports the heartbreak of Exemption Tribunal meetings where farmers plea to be allowed to keep workers on the land – these are particularly interesting, mentioning many names, and should be checked

This index covers stories relating to the war and its impact on the villages around Ely including Adelaide, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Manea, Mepal, Oxlode, Prickwillow, Pymore, Soham, Stretham, Stuntney, Thetford, Wentworth, Wicken, Witcham & Witchford. Some Chatteris and March stories are also mentioned.

It does not cover many other aspects of ‘normal’ life that the paper reported. These notes are not complete and there are inevitably mistakes. Please tell me those you notice.

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Abbreviations

D	death or died	Dw	died of wounds
Kia	killed in action	M	missing
Pic	picture – often in the following week’s paper		
PoW	prisoner of war	W	wounded

Ely Standard 1914

1914 07 03

- 6 Austrian Duke assassinated
- 31 8 European nations arming, grave situation on continent

1914 08 07

- 3 European war... German aggression ... England & German opposed ... demonstration of patriotism
- 5 editorial
 - Ely war excitement – notices posted up
 - March war topic of conversation
 - Littleport news will be posted Conservative Club
 - Downham – horrible news received, several local men join colours
- 8 Gt War .. Great Belgian victory ... territorials mobilised - departures from Wisbech, March, Benwick, Ely, Whittlesey, Chatteris, Outwell, Soham, Littleport, Sutton
 - army purchase local horses
 - Wisbech wireless station dismantled so cannot become acquainted with various communications transmitted
 - Paper down to 4 pages

1914 08 14

- 2 editorial
- 3 war & harvest – Sunday work suggested
 - County district committee, defence before harvest
 - Prickwillow news posted
 - Carrier pigeon shot at Downham
 - Lt Thetford call up
 - Haddenham committee render help
 - Sutton united service, call to prayer in cricket field
- 4 war news

1914 08 21

- 2 editorial
- 3 news, schemes for those thrown out of work – draining fens
- 4 Ely prepares
- 4 Soham rumours spread that some tradesmen of German nationality

1914 08 28

- 3 military monoplane descends at Downham – lost way
 - County distress committee
- 4 Ely cinema reduces prices from 4d to 3d
 - education committee – war – schools not wanted for hospitals
 - Downham put beds in school, had nurses – ‘could not imagine wounded sent to village’ ... foolish
 - In Cambridge 500 beds arranged for wounded. Possible a few convalescents sent to Ely & Wisbech – unthinkable would use village schools
 - Teachers called up

1914 09 04

- 2 National Reservists leave – names
 - Soham – 2 brothers leave parents without means of support
 - Wicken – welcome visit of Enlistment men
 - Littleport – 5 with army – names

Prickwillow railway bridge guarded by single policeman at times who also guarding line Shippea Hill to Padnal

- Paper up to 6 pages
- 3 Wisbech preparations for wounded soldiers
130 wounded arrive Cambridge
Soham bill poster removed Defence of the Realm notices erected by policeman – ‘only he had the right to put up notices’ – fined
- 4 list recruits
meetings at Littleport, Sutton, Soham

1914 09 11

- 2 pro-German at Wisbech nearly causes riot
- 6 roll of honour March, Wisbech, Ely, Littleport, Soham, Chatteris
- 7 successful recruiting – Wisbech, March, Ely, Haddenham, Witchford, Littleport, Lt Downham, Coates, Whittlesey
- 8 wounded in war – Mons – Prickwillow, Downham, Soham, Manea
war relief funds
recruits leave Wisbech, Littleport, Downham, Haddenham, Sutton

1914 09 18

- 5 scarcity farm labourers – editorial
- 6 shameful German cruelties
- 7 roll of honour – further names
- 8 Soham war concert

1914 09 25^h

- 2 Ely recruit suicide
- 3 Prickwillow recruiting meeting
- 6 life in Kitchener’s army – Chatteris recruit’s experiences
- 6 March men at front

1914 10 02

- 6 wounded Chatteris, March
- 8 new Military Road Wicken – Stretham
- 8 Downham Belgian Refugees meet
- 8 Manea soldier missing

1914 10 09

- 5 Isle would be first part assailed – if landed would blast banks & flood land
- 8 blanket appeal
casualties (& Photos) Witcham, March, Wimblington, Chatteris, Prickwillow, Wilburton, Whittlesey, Soham
Belgian refugees at Wisbech

1914 10 16

- 2 tobacco for soldiers – Cambridgeshire Times promotion
- 5 missing men prove to be prisoners & casualties Coates, March, Downham, Chatteris, Littleport
Soham soldier returns
Chatteris gunner’s experiences
March wounded men home
Benwick patriotic committee meeting
- 6 war news
- 8 Littleport man’s experiences – reluctant to describe experiences

Soham kia
Downham Belgian refugees appeal
Sutton women knit
Prickwillow war effort

1914 10 23

- 2 Belgian refugees Wisbech
Isle Quarter sessions ‘ men who have failed in their duty’
- 5 Ely soldier’s heroism – half leg blown off
Haddenham man at Antwerp
Ely & Belgians, Cutlack offers The Grange, Littleport
- 7 Soham refugees – special home to be provided
- 8 reservists called up
Downham – 2 Belgian families settled

1914 10 30

- 5 Upwell no refugees, Norfolk a prohibited area
Soham Belgian refugees – photo
Ely Belgian refugees, local fund started
- 7 farmers & war – direct purchase of produce for forces
- 8 Wisbech Belgian wounded – photo
Haddenham refugees – 6 to come
Downham refugees meet

1914 11 06

- 3 refugees to be housed Littleport
- 5 Ely Lance-Corp. K Marne memorial service
- 8 pow including Wilburton
Stretham letter
Soham letter, soldiers at front
Downham send clothing
Witchford schoolmaster now Lance Corporal
Wilburton 4 men join
Prickwillow 13 fresh recruits – now over 50
Belgian refugees – Witcham, Mepal, Haddenham

1914 11 13

- 2 Manea man on sunk hospital ship
Diocesan conference Bishop & war
- 3 Tommy Atkins only needs something to smoke
- 5 free medical attendance for dependants of soldiers & sailors
Ely vicar’s son kia – Lieut Punched (?) – photo
- 8 new hut barracks erecting Cherry Hinton meadows
sluices guarded
several Soham soldiers on leave
Littleport refugees arrive

1914 11 20

- 6 aliens in Cambridgeshire
- 8 letter ‘heartily glad when it all over’
Soham soldiers at Ypres
Smokes – 2289 gift parcels

1914 11 27

- 5 Chatteris – 10 Belgian refugees arrive

- recruiting at Ely – public meeting
- 7 recruiting at Littleport, Chatteris
- 8 Soham soldier killed
 - Littleport PC Cheyney (?) killed
 - Witcham men wounded
 - If German comes civilians will fight
 - Soham man at front
 - Mepal lantern lecture – pics of devastation

- 1914 12 04
 - 5 Belgians – 3 in Ely
 - 8 Soham soldier killed, bugler killed – photo
 - Haddenham Belgian refugees move from rectory to Aldreth
 - Downham recruiting meeting

- 1914 12 11
 - 5 Ely Belgians provision for 40
 - 6 Kitchener belongs Lakenheath emergency committee constitutions
 - 8 Littleport PoWs
 - experiences Soham, Ely, Chatteris
 - Littleport soldier kia – Lord
 - Soham – Johnson kia (photo)
 - Mepal – Long died wounds
 - Prickwillow non-enlisted scorned

- 1914 12 18
 - 6 Littleport Crabb (photo p8) experiences front –
 - 8 Haddenham, Pte H.J. Whetstone soldier returns
 - Wicken soldier on leave
 - Sutton recruits home
 - Isleham Belgian refugees – Ferry House offered rent free, arrive
 - Wilburton, Witcham comforts for soldiers

- 1914 12 25
 - 8 Soham pow, Ypres experience & Ely

Ely Standard 1915

1915 01 01

- 8 Witcham man at front – letter
- Soham sailor letter
- Adelaide – most eligible have joined; comforts for soldiers

1915 01 08

- 8 Littleport PC Dobson kia
- Witcham Corp Pake kia
- Prickwillow letter – Edwards
- Manea letter – Clarke
- In case of air raids
- Wilburton refugees cottage prepared

1915 01 15

- 5 Ely Belgian refugees cmte
- 7 Cambridgeshire Territorial Association report on work during war
- 8 Ely Private Cooper wounded
- Ely Private Hammond kia
- Washday at front – Littleport men – photo

1915 01 22

- 8 air raid King's Lynn – photo
- letter trenches from Ely man
- Littleport gunner's gallant act – Cross
- Haddenham 2 Belgians depart for Ely
- Witcham funeral Pate
- Downham Pte Hill kia
- Littleport wireless installation by soldiers

1915 01 29

- 2 Soham debate billeting trios
- Ely & air raids – special meeting
- 5 Soham Rifleman Boyce kia – photo
- armoured motor car passed through Ely
- deserters at Ely
- 8 no visible lights 5pm-7.30 am
- Lt Thetford concert refugees
- Haddenham new family arrive

1915 02 05

- 5 Ely – deserted twice in week
- souvenirs tastefully mounted
- Soham Pte Turner wounded
- Prickwillow – Bonnett wounded
- Soham Pte Peacock wounded & home
- Cambridgeshire National Reserve Guards formed
- 7 Volunteer Training Corps Ely meet
- 8 Thorney blackout
- Pymore Belgian fund
- Lt Thetford postpone concert due blackout
- Sutton memorial service Pte Giddens – letter

Wicken blackout

1915 02 12

6 in case of invasion – instructions civilians

1915 02 19

8 Littleport Serg Vincent wounded

Soham – Robinson letter

Downham spies – 2 foreigners in village, perhaps Germans looking at aircraft defences

– incorrect rumours that aircraft guns placed near Downham

Wicken – public lamps removed from frames and stored in old Unitarian Chapel

Prickwillow military guard increased

1915 02 26

2 Huntingdonshire Battalion Magazine

Witcham Vye narrow escape – letter

8 Sutton Pte Fuller awarded DCM

National Reservists called up

1915 03 05

5 Ely form Volunteer Training Corps for home defence

8 Soham discuss lighting in church – no blackout

Soham Pte Boyce letter,

1915 03 12

5 Cambridgeshire's in France – 1st casualties

8 Wentworth – 2 serving

Ely Pte Layton kia & 26th p8

Soham patriotic mother – 4 sons in army

Sutton letter Pte Knight

Soham A. Clark POW 4 months – letter

1915 03 19

5 Cambridgeshire Territorials casualties

Ely Volunteer Training Corps 1st meet

7 farm problems & war – women on farm

6 Soham soldier, Boyce wounded

8 Soham soldiers, Steadman kia

photos – Soham – Clark & Steadman

Ely National Reservist Fendick kia (pic 26th p8)

Haddenham special constables

1915 03 23

2 Ely Pte Creak kia

Upware Pte Sennitt kia

5 Ely remains Serg Baker conveyed Cambridge & p7

7 motorist's headlamps too bright – order applies Suffolk but rescinded Cambridgeshire, happened Newmarket

8 Cambridgeshire Territorials in action

Ely Pte Bird kia (pic)

Wentworth Serg Purell missing

Littleport Pte Wenn wounded

Capt Tebbutt kia

Ely Neal wounded & Pte Bowd pic 2nd p8

Wicken Pte Sennitt kia – pic

Ely Pte Copeland wounded

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| Littleport | Wenn narrow escape |
| Stretham privates in Germany | |
| Witchford – | Barber pow |
- 1915 04 02
- | | | |
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| 5 | Cambridgeshire Regiment battles | |
| | Ely | Pte Bird kia – letter |
| | Littleport letter | Serg Hall |
| 6 | Prickwillow soldier saved by Princess Mary’s gift box | |
| 8 | Witcham | Serg Purell missing – pic & letter 9 th p8 |
| | Prickwillow | Corp King pow |
| | Downham | Pte H. Martin kia |
| | Littleport 4 brothers – | Brislin – pic |
- 1915 04 09
- | | | |
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| 6 | pic RAOB ambulance | |
| 8 | soldier football – pic | |
| | Sutton vicar’s son, | Capt Marshall kia – pic & service 16 th p5 |
- 1915 04 16
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| 2 | new lighting order | |
| | how can befriend somebody in trenches | |
| 5 | Soham | L/C Robinson kia – pic |
| | Prickwillow – letter | Gage |
| | Littleport | Pte Porter kia - pic & details p6 |
| | Soham narrow escape – | Sizer |
| 6 | Downham air raid – lights | out order |
| 8 | Wilburton | Warren commissioned |
- 1915 04 23
- | | | |
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| 5 | Ely | Pte Cox – burial service deserted |
| | Prickwillow resident describes Zeppelin raid over Lowestoft | |
| | Adelaide | Pte Lee kia – pic |
| 8 | Downham recruiting party to visit, details 30 th | p6 |
- 1915 04 30
- | | | |
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| 3 | New Explosives Company Stowmarket need 100 men – adv | |
| 5 | Germans at Ely – 4 trainloads (2000 Germans) passed through, stopped at station & give water | |
| | Littleport | Harwood family – 5 in forces – pic |
| 6 | recruiting party visits | |
| 8 | not Haddenham recruiting | |
| | Witcham rifleman | Giles wounded |
| 8 | Soham soldier letter – | Stittle |
| | Prickwillow– letter | Pte Pake appeal from trenches |
- 1915 05 07
- | | | |
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| 5 | deserted arrested Downham Fen | |
| | 4 th Suffolks at Oulton Broad – pic | |
| 8 | Adelaide – | Bird & Lee kia |
| | Sutton Belgian refugees return London | |
| | Witcham fresh eggs for wounded | |
| | Ely corps & Battle Ypres – letter | |
- 1915 05 14

- 3 Littleport Belgian colony & workshops for refugees – now 50
- 2 Soham recruiting
- 5 casualties – many killed & wounded
 - Stuntney Pte Burns wounded
 - Patriotic rhymes Frank Green pub'd
- 6 Manea officers vivid war pictures
- Ely fear Zeppelin attack – perhaps high-angle gun Cherry Hill
- 8 Lt Thetford – Lowe – 6 sons
 - Prickwillow – Gage letter
 - Soham – Rouse thrilling experiences
 - Prickwillow – Edwards letter
 - Soham – Steadman kia, pic 21st p8
 - Stretham – Lythell d
 - Downham – Belgian Cmte details

1915 05 21

- 5 Soham – Rouse now dies pic p8, service 28th p2
- 8 casualties
 - Haddenham – Pte Ramsome kia
 - Wardy Hill – Pte Parson dies hospital
 - Sutton – 400 eggs wounded
 - Prickwillow – Jakes, Mile End – 2 sons wounded

1915 05 28

- 5 Haddenham – Pte Rutherford wounded
- Chatteris call conscription instead of recruitment
- 5 R.M.A. sports – pic (acc p3)
 - Ely – Pte Cross k – details
- 8 Soham – Geo Cook, Fred Sizer wounded
- Prickwillow – Harding wounded, Pake letter from hospital
- Witchford – Allen – letter about
- Ely – Serg-Major Black kia – pic
- Soham – J. Cook k, nursing wounded, 'buck up Soham' letter

1915 06 04

- 2 cricket on battle field letter
- 5 compulsory service urged
- rumour that soldiers Reading & Recreation Room 'is on a good thing'
- 6 recruiting tour – 400 recruits obtained
- Sutton - roll of honour has 92 names, no names of pressed men will be put on roll
- 8 casualties
 - Soham – Baker wounded
 - Witcham – role of honour, list casualties
 - Soham – Wells brothers at Ypres, one pow
 - Littleport – Theobald k

1915 06 11

- 5 Prickwillow – Bonnett letter, Jakes wounded letter
- Littleport – Crabb pow letter
- Prickwillow – Gage poison gas letter (Shippea Hill), Edwards letter
- 6 'These boys didn't shirk' – adv showing casualties
- 7 Suffolk Yeomanry leave Ely
- 8 Littleport – refugees meet
- Col Archer pic
- Soham – Stittle kia pic

- Littleport – Theobald kia
Stuntney – Osborne kia, 1st Stuntney man killed, pic 18th p8
Mepal – roll of honour
Black Horse Drove – German helmet exhibited
- 1915 06 18
5 Ely – guarding High Bridge
6 Mepal – men pictured in ‘didn’t shirk’ advert
8 Soham Pte Sergeant pic
Littleport – Dade wounded
Haddenham – refugee ill
- 1915 06 25
5 Ely – deserter
8 Haddenham – await recruiting party
Sutton – Clark missing
Sennitt kia – pic 2nd p9
- 1915 07 02
5 Ely – bridge guarding a waste of money – how fight German spy? military stopped guarding 2 months ago
7 National register to be compiled
8 Downham – Fordham gallantry – pic 9th p6
Isleham – King’s congratulations Whitehead 6 sons in army
Recruiting tour, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham
Stretham – Murfitt bravery, Baxter wounded – pic 16th p8
Soham – Peacock wounded
Littleport – Pledger missing, Peake wounded
- 1915 07 09
3 proposed than on approach hostile aircraft Ely jam hooter should be sounded
5 Lt Thetford – Pte Lowe kia
8 Soham – yeomanry, 1st since war
Sutton – now 100 serving
Prickwillow – 1 Edwards letter
- 1915 07 16
3 Soham – Boyce wounded – bullet through postcard – pic
Sutton – Pte Fuller DCM – pic p8
5 Stretham – Pte Winter missing – pic p8
6 Downham – Pte Fryett missing – pic
8 Prickwillow – letters
- 1915 07 23
5 labour in harvest time
Littleport – Gotobed letter re Dardanelles, Bacon missing
Soham – Ames wounded
7 Cambridgeshire quota men, percentage serving
8 Sutton – R. Clark pow, C. Clark missing – pics
Prickwillow – White missing – pic
- 1915 07 30
5 Ely – Capt Keenlyside killed – pic
8 Littleport – Starling killed – pic & notes
Soham – Brown k
Stretham – late Pte Sennitt

1915 08 06

5 Sutton – Gimbert missing – pic

1915 08 13

7 GER hospital train described

8 Soham – Starling (2) injured

Downham – volunteer training corps described

1915 08 20

7 village war food societies

6 with 1st Cambridgeshires at the front

8 Wilburton – Belgian refugees leave for Yorks, there since January

Soham – Talbot letter

Witcham – Giles on leave

1915 08 27

5 Ely – volunteer training corps take on guarding of bridges

8 Soham – Boyce home

Littleport – Thornhill home

PoWs Doeberitz camp pic

1915 09 03

5 women & war – 13-year-old girl drives reaper

6 production of munitions – amateur ordnance volunteers

8 Stuntney – Rumsey wounded

Soham – Gilbey severely wounded – pic

Littleport – Pond, 4 sons away

Soham – letter, Rouse letter

Coveney – make 50 sandbags

Littleport – Hall & Sallis sick leave

Prickwillow – special constables guard railway bridge

1915 09 10

5 Littleport – Belgian subscriptions decline

8 War Office will not transport crosses for overseas graves

Soham – Murfitt – pic in trenches

Littleport – Knightall kia, pic 17th p8

Soham – Peacock kia pic

1915 09 17

2 Ely – bridge guard account night on duty – interesting

3 Soham – Taylor missing – pic

5 Cathedral and air raid

7 Soham – Volunteer Training Corps formed

8 Littleport – Taylor kia, pic 24th pg

Wicken – Jenkinson joins RFC, Royal Engineers parade

1915 09 24

2 Ely privates Gallipoli diary

8 Ely – deserter

Soham – Reeve on leave

1915 10 01

3 Haddenham – Volunteer Corps formed

- 5 Ely – war work depot to be opened
- 6 women in military hospitals wanted to release men
Cambridgeshire Regiment Diary
- 8 Lt Thetford – T. Mason missing, k – pic; J. Mason PoW – pic; poem
Sutton – feast observation disappearing
Soham – Peacock home

1915 10 08

- 3 Ely – war work depot; blackout
- 5 War Agricultural Cmte first meet
- 8 Prickwillow – Gooch letter
Stuntney – roll of honour names
Littleport – Pettit – 3 brothers pic
Stuntney – Crick, Payton, Norden, Venney, Taylor wounded
Downham – Fuller promoted; Volunteer Training Corps
Prickwillow – roll of honour over 50 names

1915 10 15

- 5 Ely – publication war poems E.H. Blakeney, head Kings
Ely – wounded soldiers – military hospital Silver St opened last weekend; 14 wounded arrive; formerly headquarters Women’s Conservative Association & used as club until war. Hospital built in days of old Militia under management Ely VAD ... considerable expense ... now familiar sight to see heroes from battlefields walking streets in their blue suits & Army hats & overcoats. Despite wounds cheerful ... seek gifts ... Dingle organises motor drives in county ... Appleyard offers free use of boats
- 8 Haddenham – Driver kia, ladies sewing meetings
Lt Thetford – Dewsbury kia
Littleport – Crabb pow – pic
Stretham – Murfitt kia
Downham – VTC meet
Wicken – soldier’s wedding, L/c Turner of Isleham

1915 10 22

- 2 new recruiting campaign – single men first
‘half-filled churches & broken Sabbaths’ address
Ely – ‘still too much light’, street corner to be whitened
- 8 Haddenham – nursing association formed
Soham - : Lieut Morbey wounded. Crabb Pow, Gammon next in picture
Wicken – Kettle unfit for active service again
Burwell – Prewar kia
Sutton – Gimbert kia

1915 10 29

- 2 Ely – war work depot opened by Bishop
- 5 Ely – soldiers at hospital thank for entertainment
- 8 Haddenham VTC
Wilburton VTC
Littleport – war work party

1915 11 05

- 3 scheme vol. obtaining recruits to start; tribunals to be set up ... determine who cannot be spared due special skills etc
Ely – VTC interesting criticism
- 5 Ely – lighting order, first prosecution of van dweller for not screening his light
- 8 Ely – war hospital supply depot

- Littleport – postcard from PoW Crabbe; Thos Crabb kia, pic 12th p8
Prickwillow – Nicholas enlist – pic, sends poem home
Soham – Reeve w
Stretham – memorial service dead S & Thetford
- 1915 11 12
- 5 little Belgians bring gifts Ely hospital
8 Stretham – Ayres wounded
Wilburton – Belgian refugees statement account
Soham – Jarrold kia, Sizer, Webb – pics; recruiting
Downham recruiting
Littleport – recruiting
Haddenham – recruiting
- 1915 11 19
- 3 Isle War Ag Cmte
5 Ely – lighting prosecution; wounded entertained
recently band arrives – includes Lieut Barker former of Haddenham
women at work – voluntary service at hospital
appeal for Christmas pudding
8 Prickwillow – Carpenter wounded, letter
Soham – Belgian refugees, years excellent work; recruiting campaign
Soham Reeve & Johnson on leave;
Wicken – Jenkinson leave
Wicken military entertainment for REAE
Haddenham – recruiting
Prickwillow – 10 more recruits
- 1915 11 26
- 3 tribunals – how applications considered
5 Sutton - Red Cross sale & VC Cockerell
Ely – gift day PoWs; what hospital supply depot doing
8 Soham – Lockwood, gallant soldier
Haddenham – ladies deliver garments hospital
PoW group includes Mason of Grunty Fen
Prickwillow – hero, Carpenter, pic
Witcham – war workers
Wicken – RE leave after Military Bridge work
Downham – entertain Ely wounded soldiers, VTC
Littleport – parcels prisoners
- 1915 12 03
- 3 VTC will be placed under military law
5 Ely – wounded, whist & entertainment
7 memorial service at Ely
8 Lt Thetford – Dewsbury kia pic
Haddenham – war workers
Downham – rector's son Thornton kia
Littleport – brothers Banyard pic
Col Archer appeal – letter
Soham – loyalty A. Clark, Pte Lockwood recommended DCM
Sutton – 1st work meeting new-formed war work depot
- 1915 12 10
- 2 Ely – ‘most light-saving town’
3 recruiting for county battalion

- 5 Ely – comforts for Territorials, 200 new recruits
- 6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – verse by Kingdon
- 8 Witcham – Giles kia
Downham – recruiting canvass – 120 single men ‘backwards in coming forwards’; final meeting VTC – a failure, few attended
Lt Ouse – roll honour
Stretham – gets Gallipoli letter

1915 12 17

- 5 recruiting boom – detailed article, Ely, Littleport, Soham
Ely – no troops billeted
- 8 Ely – war depot ‘at home’
Haddenham war workers send to c40 men training in the this country parcel –
Haddenham Gifford on leave;
Witcham – Giles died of wounds – pic
Soham – Taylor kia
Prickwillow all attested; Jas Bennett twice wounded, on leave

1915 12 24

- 5 Ely – whitened posts; Red Cross Hospital pic staff & patients
- 6 Army reservists called up
new lighting orders
- 7 Littleport – Belgian colony, interesting report
- 8 Prickwillow – Rice news
Soham – volunteer procession as enrolled body; zeppelin piquet now stationed
Wicken – village smithy, poem
Downham- Hull appointed 2nd Lieut

1915 12 31

- 3 years roll of honour – list
- 5 Ely – armlets issued recruits; how wounded spent Christmas

Ely Standard 1916

1916 01 07

- 2 losses from Wisbech district during 1915
- 5 Soham soldier's letter
Ely L/C Morris kia – pic
- 6 war & agriculture
Cambridgeshire soldier's diary – cont
Recruiting campaign
Soham tradesman fined over lighting regulations
- 7 indiscriminate use of flashlight
- 8 Witcham collection for Ely war hospital supply depot
Downham – list of men joined army

1916 01 14

- 2 Ely Volunteer training corps concert: address
- 3 War agricultural committee – duties
Cambridgeshire men PoWs – list
C.D. Kingdon's war hymn
- 5 deserter arrested Ely
Ely billeting – no troops arrived yet
- 8 casualties
Haddenham Serg. Steel wounded – pic 21st p8
Prickwillow letter
Stuntney – Pte Saberton kia – pic
Soham lantern lecture on war
Pymore woman takes man's job ploughing
Downham – deserter delivering letters
Littleport distribute khaki armbands
Stuntney – Fretwell on leave
Haddenham war workers

1916 01 21

- 3 'Men who stayed at home' – poem by Littleport soldier
- 4 Ely Belgians thank for collection
- 8 casualties
Sutton – Wayman – distinguished service
Wicken – Siddell – kia
A sketch at the front – pic
Enlistment – men called – groups
Soham letter from front
Wicken Belgian refugee committee
Isleham family moving Letchworth
Littleport group recruits Nunn on leave,
Patriotic family – Fyson – 8 sons
Downham blackout now effective
Haddenham Volunteer Training Corps abandoned, Wilburton flourishes
Sutton – Wayman & Haddock on leave

1916 01 28

- Col. Archer on horse – pic
- Casualties
- Witcham – Dewey – kia – pic
- Ely – Serg Fenn mentioned despatches
- Ely Butcher died hospital ship

Soham soldier letter
Haddenham War Relief Committee –one family Aldreth
- Captain Barker – promotion
Downham roll of honour
Sutton hospital supply depot
Manea memorial service - Newman

1916 02 04

- 3 PoW help cmte report
war savings association set up
- 5 Ely war funds committee meet
Zeppelin raid – detailed censored - & p6
- 6 women as farm workers
- 8 casualties
Manea – Smarte – kia – pic 11th p8
Ely – Jones – wounded, Barnard – kia
Littleport – Lewis – bravery
Goodge – kia – pic 11th p8
Ely – Stittle – leave
Soham men receive tobacco – list
Downham roll of honour

1916 02 11

- 2 Isle war agriculture problems – arrangements with soldiers
Military Service Act 1916 – notice farmers – exemptions etc
Employment of girls on land
Ely – death Pte Clarke on parade
- 5 Lessons of Zeppelin raid – one man took lantern & went out looking for
zeppelins
- 8 casualties
Sutton – Wayman – DCM
PoW letters of thanks
Cambridgeshire Regiment concert party – pics
Prickwillow – rumour Rev Scaresbrook a German – Baptist minister

1916 02 18

- 5 Ely lighting cases – military hospital
soldiers wives ‘well off’ – reply
- 6 on active service – diary by R.W. Softly
summons to single men – all called up on March 18th
- 8 eggs for wounded – organisation
casualties
Prickwillow – Fletcher – kia – pic 25th p8
Coveney – Cox – kia – pic 25th p8
Cambridgeshire Regiment clerical staff – pic
Soham lighting reductions, letter of thanks from France
Isleham – Belgian family thanks
Littleport – Relief of Allies fund

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- 5 Ely VTC – like uniform ... possibility of invasion
- lighting prosecutions
- 8 Exemptions tribunals now public – Chatteris
casualties
Ely – Fenn – promoted [wedding 2nd June p5]

Ely – letter re voyage home Dardanelles
- Pamment dies hospital – pic 2 March p8
Soham – rumours death 4 Soham soldiers
- Peacock – lucky escape – letter
Wicken – Lieut-Col. Slack death
Cambridgeshire in furs – pic
Downham entertain wounded
Littleport – Lawrence on leave
Wilburton – war funds society meeting
Haddenham war workers
Sutton war workers – parcel sent

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2 VTCs officially recognised by Government
E.H. Blakeney publishes collected war poems
3 Tribunals – Walsoken, Marshland, Wisbech rural, Wisbech Borough & p6
5 Ely VTC address at annual meeting
Ely lighting prosecutions
8 casualties
Soham – Jones – wounded
Littleport – Taylor – wounded – pic
Ely – Pamment RN – pic
Soham – German steel used in razor

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2 Isle committee help for disabled soldiers
salaries officers
Mepal musical war masque – pic 24th p5
3 Tribunals – Ely Urban
includes Prickwillow – Butcher – milkman, Fryett – horse keeper, Cornwell – shepherd
Adelaide – Day – horseman
Tribunals – Wisbech
5 Ely air raid precautions
6 call to married men 19-26
8 casualties
Stuntney lady home from Serbia
Adelaide – Pate – kia – pic 17th p8
Haddenham – poem
Ely letters gratitude
Wentworth war working party fund concert

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2 North Witchford tribunal
3 Ladies recruiting committee – annual report
4 Ely rural tribunals
Coveney – Neal, horse keeper, 3 months exemption, Sandford, Poole refused, Baker – 3 months Walker – refused
Downham Miller – no, Shelton – no, Parsons, horse keeper – 2 months, Parsons – no (2nd son), Hall – no, Pate – 6 months, Flanders – cowman etc – no, Taylor – horse keeper – no, Hobbs – farmer – exempt, Starling – total exemption, Thompson – 6 months, Chambers – 6 months, Pate – farmer – 6 months, Graham – 6 months, Vye – horse keeper – no, Flanders – no, Others not listed
Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Witcham, Lt Thetford, Wilburton, Witchford

- 5 Soham lighting
- 6 Cambridgeshire & Isle appeal tribunal – constitution
 - Soham – Elsdon – letter
 - Sutton – Clark – kia, pic
 - Littleport - biplane descends Laws – in big charge, wounded
 - Soham – list where parcels sent to troops
 - Littleport – war week – list items
 - Downham – war funds – public meeting

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- 2 tribunals – Wisbech borough
- 3 tribunals – Ely Urban, North Witchford appeals, Whittlesey rural, Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
- 5 heaviest batches of appeals over Haddenham Red Cross sale, £350
Ely stretcher display
- 6 Soham pastor criticises tribunal
- 8 Casualties
 - Coveney Ding believed killed - pic
 - Soham Edwards – d - pic
 - Littleport Johnson kia – pic
 - Downham Fuller – wounded – pic

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- 3 Tribunals – Ely rural, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witcham, Witchford
Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
- 5 shorter lighting
Ely barracks taken over by troops – VTC drills suspended
Naval dinner
- 7 appeal tribunals – 1st sitting Isle – uphold decisions mostly; includes Soham, Wicken, Burwell
- 8 Wilburton Red Cross sale – long account:
Soham – 1st batch Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry arrive by train Sunday, Billeted in Churchgate Street & High Street; City of London roughriders billeted one night; Middlesex main batch Tuesday; reception; Wednesday all left for Ely 2 am
Wicken – conscientious objector – Robert Hawes, late of Wicken, in London
Isleham – Pte Payne w.
Littleport – 1st real sight of soldiers – hundreds cavalry with heavy guns pass through
Sutton war depot
Haddenham Belgian families in Haddenham last 18 months left for London & employment

1916 04 07

- 3 appeal tribunal – Isle Ely – 56 cases & results p5
- 5 Ely – what war workers doing
- 8 Wilburton – Red Cross sale
tribunals: Newmarket rural, Soham, Burwell
PoW pictures include Ely – Bowles
Casualties Sutton – Nicholls w.
 Witcham – Atkin, believed d.
 Witchford – Young w.
 Littleport – Knightall – kia – pic

- Tribunals North Witchford

Soham – aeroplane seen canvassing – fully equipped model, Fitch on leave
Wicken – Belgian fund, military visitor – Norman – after wounds
Isleham – war pictures exhibited, Clarke & Collen leave
Littleport – no buns on Good Friday due war, Murfitt Royal Field Artillery, 7 days
leave

1916 04 14

2 appeal tribunals include Prickwillow, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford
3 Newmarket rural tribunal
8 casualties
Downham Easy bros – pic
PoW, one Boyce, Soham – pic
Littleport Barber awarded Mc – pic
Stretham conscientious objectors – letter about
Witchford Young – w – pic
Isleham Fleet on leave
Wilburton memorial brass late L/c Croft unveiled

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2 appeal tribunals include, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford, Mepal, Coveney
3 Ely rural tribunal – dissatisfaction in appeal results, members revolt, ‘making asses of tribunal, threatened to leave – Coveney, Ely munitions worker, Downham, Stretham, Sutton, Littleport, Witchford, Witcham, Wilburton
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham
Ely patriotic sale
5 Ely urban tribunal
Russian flag day
French thanks for gifts
6 Littleport parish council nervous re zeppelin raids
8 Sutton Canon Marshall’s son kia
Prickwillow Wilding kia – pic
Cambridgeshire soldiers & conscientious objectors
Wicken - roll honour – men join
Prickwillow Leonard kia – letter, pic 28th p8
Isleham - houses for wounded to hospital Cambridge, PoW collection

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5 Ely - soldier arrested for theft, War hospital supply depot – details
8 Soham - lighting prosecutions
Wicken -Northants detachment arrive, located on Green, many witness arrival & departure after rested; on route march from Newmarket. When new road finished many will pass through & possibly halt as good water supply
Wicken Pte Hawes missing
Littleport Rayner on leave

1916 05 05

2 Appeal tribunal – Isle, majority dismissed; includes Littleport, Coveney, Haddenham – Ivatt, Mepal, Stretham, Thetford
3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham & Fordham, many refusals
5 revision of certified occupations
Stuntney lighting prosecutions
6 certified occupations – farmers – details
8 Soham 3 soldiers killed – Rouse, Aveling, Gilby – pic & funeral

- Sutton Smith d wounds, pic 12th p6, Bradshaw promoted
- 1916 05 12
- 2 North Witchford tribunal
- 5 Newmarket rural tribunal
cinema tickets taxed
Ely men summonsed failing to report – await trial 30 Jun p5
Women on land – farmers pleased
- 6 daylight savings change
War Ag – use women
- 8 casualties
conscientious objectors letter
Downham war work, ½-yearly meeting
Soham – cavalry regiment 400 halted, arrived 7pm & to Angle common for night,
Flying Fund – 9 parcels of tobacco sent
Stretham patriotic spirit
Isleham Clarke. Lieut Aldous on leave
- 1916 05 19
- 2 Sutton Wayman suicide whilst under arrest
Isle Education – 12 exemptions wanted for headmasters
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunals – Soham, Isleham, Fordham, many conditional exemptions
North Witchford tribunal
Chatteris tribunal appeals – letter
- 5 daylight savings
Appeal tribunals – Coveney, Haddenham, Stuntney, Ely, Downham, Shippea Hill
Appeal for women war service – advert
- 8 casualties
Stretham Wheeler wounded
Pymore - war work class meets
Wicken - feast but no bright lights
Isleham - parcel for PoWs, 11 men joined up during week
- 1916 05 26
- 2 Ely Rural Tribunal – married men * PM's pledge; interesting Littleport cases, decisions altered; also Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Wentworth, Witchford
- 3 farm labour shortage
Ely urban tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal – librating men for harvest
- 5 Ely Russian flag day
Ely PoWs gifts received
Daylight saving – little grumbling
- 8 Soham Beeton kia – pic
Littleport Cross wounded
Stuntney West wounded
Ely failure to report – case, Littleport & Downham
Ely & Chatteris tribunals
Soham - lying fund – list recipients, PoWs got tobacco from Ely Standard, boxes in shops
- Adelaide – school collects 10/- prisoners
Stretham Stubbings wounded – letter
Prickwillow Carpenter returns from 1st EGH, & We ... on train by ladies who thought them shirkers

1916 06 02

- 2 North Witchford tribunal – only one application refused
Newmarket rural tribunal – results of cases, figures; Soham, Isleham, Burwell
Ely tribunal – letter – anomalies
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunals
- 5 Ely Theological College & war – how affected
military wedding – Fenn
new ambulance train on view Ely station
- 6 Ely Russian Flag Day – record
- 8 tribunals – ‘to be more lenient small businessmen & conscientious objectors
casualties
Soham Edmunds missing
Ely Cutlack promoted Lieut-Col
Soham Langley kia – pic
Witchford Barnes military funeral – pic
Downham - letters from soldiers
Lt Thetford – war work fund
Isleham Audus on leave
Stretham Stubbings lost eye
Prickwillow – Russian Flag Day

1916 06 09

- 2 war pensions – Isle committee first meeting
Newmarket rural tribunals – many conditional exemptions – farmers & women; include
Soham, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell
Adelaide farmer fails to report – tribunals criticised
Cambridgeshire Regiment shooting competition
Wisbech rural tribunal – agriculture claims
- 6 Cambs appeal tribunal – Soham, Haddenham exemptions, Fordham exemptions,
Isleham turf digger temporary exemption
- 8 right to re-appeal; Have appeal tribunals exceeded powers?

1916 06 16

- 2 Ely rural tribunals – single men still loafing about; Coveney, Downham, Haddenham,
Mepal, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton
Ely city tribunal
- 5 Kitchener memorial service
War Hospital supply depot ‘at home’
Position RDC members on tribunal
- 6 Isle War Ag Committee – notice to farmers
- 7 Appeal tribunals – right to re-appeal; Ely urban, Littleport, Soham
- 8 Ely Serg Oakey gets French medal
Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Burwell
Soham memorial service Kitchener
Wicken Hall kia
Downham feast – Russian accused being German – trial 30th June p8
War work distribution badges
Littleport Pettiitt prisoner returns – 21 months in camp; first in batch of
exchange prisoners tells of hardship
Sutton - acknowledgement of gifts, Kitchener memorial
Stretham - Kitchener memorial

1916 06 23

- 2 North Witchford rural tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal – Burwell cement work employee

Soldier labour – employment on agricultural work
7 war pensions
8 casualties
Ely Bennett – shell shock
Prickwillow Cross died wounds, pic
Sutton Wayman, how won DCN
Littleport Pettitt PoW details
Soham – memorial service Kitchener
Isleham Goodchild & Whitehead on leave
Littleport Jones lucky escape, bullet through pack
Downham – aeroplane forced to land due engine trouble; detained all day, many examined, 200 watched take off

1916 06 30

2 appeal tribunal – Burwell, Isleham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Witchford, Wilburton
North Witchford tribunal
3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Fordham
5 Ely – soldier fined obscene language
appeal tribunal – Ely urban, Ely rural – Mepal, Coveney, Lt Downham
conscientious objectors – Ely man – Lowe
8 no pictures of casualties
Ely Fenn gets DCM
Soham – Red Cross sale includes nose of German shell
Sutton – War Hospital supply depot – details goods despatched
Prickwillow – aeroplane crash – ‘aeroplanes becoming such a common sight that few take notice; last Saturday afternoon nine flew over’
Witcham – Ely war hospital weekly collections

1916 07 07

3 Ely rural tribunal – 300 applications – Lt Downham, Coveney, Wilburton, Thetford, Stretham, Sutton, Wentworth, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Mepal, Littleport
Newmarket rural tribunal – several young Soham men exempted; Wicken, Isleham, Burwell
5 Mrs Greenstreet matron Ely military hospital for seven months, appointed matron larger hospital Royston. Presented with wallet & pen
War Funds Society distributes money including Ladies Recruiting and Comforts for Troops committee, established 1914 – details of work
6 Ely urban tribunal – includes Vernon Cross
8 casualties
Ely drummer Gotobed wounded
Wilburton Pte Hopkin wins Military Medal – letter & pic; wounded 14th p8
Ely Moden kia, Tingey wounded - pic
Stuntney Rev Mowbray Smith, formerly curate, under fire
Soham letters appreciation re cigarettes; Flying fund details
Isleham Webber on sick leave
Wilburton – Volunteer Training Corps shooting match

1916 07 14

2 Newmarket rural tribunal – 30 Soham men exempted; Wicken, Burwell
3 Chatteris – conscientious objector; those exempted to join VTC; conscientious objector H.W. Near, 31, married, no family, draper, Society of Friends – would rather be killed than kill. The chairman said applicant ought to live in a country by himself, willing to take all the benefits of the country without doing anything for it. Applicant said could not put even his business before his conscience. Allowed till October 11th

- 5 “This is War Savings Week” advert
Ely Military Hospital reopened after cleaning; 14 patients arrive by 5.20 train & drive
in motor cars to Silver Street
Russian bed fund – establish and Ely bed in Petrograd Hospital
- 6 North Witchford rural tribunal
- 7 Ely appeal tribunal
- 8 heavy casualties Cambridgeshire men – wounded very numerous – list
Ely
Littleport Sallis died wounded – both legs cut off;
Butcher wounded - received postcard
Soham fourteen wounded – brief details; all but 3 11th Suffolks -
Fuller, Coulson, West (2), Gammon, Bailey, Murfitt, Audus, Challis, Badcock (2),
Peacock, Johnson, Preston, Woodruffe, Sizer, Isaccson
Prickwillow – men suffer severely
Lee letter home – ‘it was murder’, pic 21 p8, Preston wounded,
Watts wounded – letter, Norman, Palmer, White
Haddenham Hostler kia
Wilburton Hopkin wounded, previously Military Medal
Stuntney West kia – details & pic 21st p8
Prisoners worse off, no parcels get through; stop sending the
Downham – 2 epidemics – bronchial affections & war exemptions for children
Prickwillow – news from troops
Isleham, leave Curtis & Fuller (2), Houghton wounded, Balls wounded
- 1916 07 21
- 2 Soham Badcock kia, pic p8, Murfitt kia pic p8
Littleport Sallis dies wounds, his poem, pic p8
Newmarket rural tribunal, Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Wicken, Burwell, Swaffham
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal – 400 applications
- 4 Ely cinema – ‘An insult to the flag’ – patriotic drama
farmers to apply for soldier labour – advert
- 5 Ely war hospital supply depot needs workers
French wounded – letter of thanks
Cambridgeshire appeal tribunal, Isleham, Soham
Ely rural tribunal – many exemptions, ‘thoroughly considered by Advisory Committee’;
Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Lt Thetford,
Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford
- 6 ‘Sunday Schools as munitions factories’ – lecture
‘War costing £6 million a day’
- 8 more casualties – list & pic
Ely Stockdale missing – pic
Stuntney
Sutton – aeroplane descent
Isleham on leave Cornwell, Brown (2), Talbot, Fleet
- 1916 07 28
- 3 Ely Rural tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Mepal, Sutton, Witchford, Haddenham,
Littleport, Stretham, Thetford, Wilburton, Witcham
Newmarket rural – Cole Ambrose & his men – a few recruit
- 5 Littleport – hospitals £178 raised
Ely – seats for wounded soldiers
- 6 Ely urban tribunal – over 100 applications
- 7 Appeal tribunal

Chatteris – conscientious = Near, willing do work Friends Ambulance Unit; a Friend since 1895, sincere in views; ‘what would you do if Germans attacked wife?’ ‘would not kill him’; exemption provided joined Ambulance unit

8 man more killed & wounded – list

Ely	
Littleport	Glover kia, pic 4 th p8, Woods missing, pic 4 th p8, Fyson died wounds, Cross kia
Soham	Challis died pneumonia – pic
Sutton	Marshall mentioned despatches, kia – Dardanelles – pic
Downham	Missin kia, pic 4 th p8
Prickwillow	Norman ‘sick’
Isleham	Houghton died wounds
Territorial Association meeting	

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5 Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire; raider heard approaching some little time before three incendiary bombs dropped which burned brightly & lit up neighbourhood, but the two explosive bombs fell in hedge & potato field – each made hole four feet deep, 12’ diameter; no damage except cracked windows. Another raid England, anti-aircraft guns in action & one ship hit – the L11

casualties	
Ely	Royston died wounds
Littleport	Pledger killed Gallipoli
Stretham	Baxter killed
6 Littleport	Cross kia, pic p8
7	appeal tribunal – Littleport, Stretham, other local
8	Newmarket rural tribunal
Soham	Leonard home after treatment wounds eyes; appreciation letter from front
Haddenham – aeroplane descent, Orris Brown field, airman in distress; trophy left behind – tyre fell in crowd	

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2	North Witchford tribunal
	Wisbech rural tribunal
	Ely Cathedral war anniversary service
	Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Fordham, Soham
5	casualties list
Littleport	Furnell wounded, pic 11 th p8
Stretham	Baxter official notification, Constable wounded
Soham	Papworth kia, pic 8 th p8, King kia, pic 8 th p8, Gilby kia, pic 8 th p8
Ely	Covill, Military Medal
Soldier labour for harvest, 27,000 soldiers allocated	
6	Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire – ‘this way to Zeppelin pits, admission 3d’ said town constable at gate field – enormous queue – farmer’s wife sat at table counting money & in centre top explosive bomb; pub closed as beer all drunk. Guided through trampled potato patch to field of oats & pit just deep enough for children to play hide & seek. 20 yards further on another. One cow struck by fragments of metal & needed vet. Had seen zeppelin before & had good warning but most went to bed. Half-hour after midnight heard faint buzz of engine, then incendiary on edge of ditch causing fire ... then two explosive bombs & two more incendiaries fell on meadow land. Airship came from SE hovered for few minutes, described a circle & made off NE. Station master showed in office an incendiary bomb, structure intact & little damaged – said saw airship from station platform – thin black pencil in starry sky, was much brighter than last Zeppelin & thinks improved silencers in engines as noise faint.

Felt quite helpless. Incendiary bombs each made big blaze. Just after bombs dropped a mist came up & saw nothing more of airship

- soldiers for harvest – wage rates
- 7 Ely war hero's funeral Royston
- 8 Cambridgeshire Regiment changes – Major Archer transferred reserves
Appeal tribunal, Ely, Downham
Littleport church death march in hour of Ellis, Blunt etc
Soham pulpit reference to war & memorial service fallen
Isleham Cornwell missing
Isleham aeroplane descent, East Fen Drove, soon left
Littleport Missin missing – pic
Mepal Giddens wounded – pic

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- 5 Ely surprise no military honours at funeral Royston; gifts for soldiers – letter thanks for clean clothes; letter from South Africa – Negus
Ely rural tribunal – exemptions young single men; Mepal, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Sutton, Wilburton
Ely urban tribunal
Chatteris tribunal – exemptions
- 6 many more casualties
Ely Drake kia, Jugg military medal, Gent - hospital
Soham, four more Clements k, pic p8, Bailey, pic p8 & obit, Leonard pic p8, Cook pic p8
- 7 North Witchford Tribunal
- 8 casualties – long lost
Ely
Littleport Thornhill missing, Rayner, w. pic 25th p8, Johnson w
Wilburton Hopkins w, Sulman w,
Sutton Wright kia, pic
Littleport Freazer kia, pic
Soham Edwards – letter

1916 08 25

- 3 'sweated women war workers', Wisbech
- 5 Ely more wounded arrive, hospital extended into Theological College; 15 wounded soldiers – now 30 receiving treatment in Ely
- 6 casualties – another big list
Ely Lee, policeman, w, Stockdale, Lieut, now d, Beer missing
Doddington
Littleport lady's voluntary work – Miss Heygate at YMCA hut near Paddington

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- 5 Fordham Pryke kia
Thetford Dewsbury wounded, pic p8
Stretham Wesley kia, pic 16th p8
- 6 casualties
Stuntney Mayle kia
Ely roll of honour, killed or wounded
Zeppelin raid on coast
- 8 Ely lighting prosecutions
Oxlode Powers wounded
Sutton war hospital supply depot
Haddenham Whetstone wounded
Haddenham - Aeroplane descends storm, 3rd recently landed

- Prickwillow White missing, presumed d
Littleport volunteer force formed
Ely Lee wounded, pic
Little Ouse Bendle wounded, pic
- 1916 09 08
- 3 Littleport volunteers, elect secretary & committee
Ely – Lee poem ‘Great Adventure’
Casualties
Manea Hill kia, pic p8
Ely Pamment awarded DCM, pic p8
‘rats as big as terrier dogs’ letter
Wilburton Alsop brothers one killed, one wounded pic 15th p8
Ely lighting – enforcement still necessary
Thetford Gent visited in hospital
Soham wounded soldiers concert
- 6 Zeppelin shot down near London, 13 attacked; another damaged; gondola found in East Anglia
- 8 casualties list
Stretham Constable kia, pic 15th p8
Oxlode Pearson missing
Soham thanks from front
Wicken on leave Beane, Bailey
Isleham on leave Cornwell wounded
Isleham - Prisoners of war parcels, meeting, collection
Littleport Volunteers first drill in Public Hall, Band starts fund assist wives visit wounded sons
Downham school given pictures Kitchener & Jellicoe
- 1916 09 15
- 2 war pensions – Isle committee meet
5 Ely man, Dimmock, appointed Commandant Mitcham Hospital
Chatteris - airship passed over
- 6 casualties
Ely
Downham Jefferson wounded
- 8 Ely Dr Harris’ son kia
Stretham Bullman kia, pic 22nd p8
Prickwillow Lambert kia, Stearman wounded, White details, Bonnett
- wounded again
Haddenham Lown wounded, pic 22nd p8
Downham Hobbs wounded, pic 22nd p8, Green, Smith in hospital
Littleport Titchmarsh wounded, letter from chaplain, pic 22nd p8, Stute
- wounded pic 22nd p8
Ely Fielding Military Medal
March tribunal – military press for businessmen
Soham blind soldier makes collecting box
Wicken soldiers from Fordham military hospital visit
Isleham on leave Balls, Cornwell, Smith, Owers
Soham Prike kia
- 1916 09 22
- 2 appeals tribunal, Burwell
3 Wisbech Borough tribunal
British graves in France – how they will be looked after

- 6 fear of the new ‘tanks’
casualties – Ely
- 8 Ely – six seats for wounded soldiers
casualties list
Soham Powson, Mann, Lockwood k; pic p8
Prickwillow Gage died wounds, pic 6th p8
Coveney Coulson missing, pic 6th p8
Littleport Thornhill prisoner, Thompson kia, pic 6th p8
Manea Mason military medal
Ely Jones military medal
Downham news of Green, Moxon, Wright
- 1916 09 29
- 2 appeal tribunal, Wisbech conscientious objector
Newmarket rural
Ely rural – Sutton, Lt Downham, Littleport
Ely urban
- 3 Ely urban tribunal – tradesmen
Ely rural tribunal – Coveney, Haddenham, Lt Downham, Wilburton, Littleport, Sutton,
Stretham, Witcham, Witchford
Sutton farmer employs unexempted men – 1st case under new act
- 5 editorial – Zeppelin raids ineffective
deserters hiding Chettisham
procuring beer for soldiers
Littleport deserter
- 6 Zeppelin raid details (not Cambs)
- 8 casualties list
Ely
Adelaide Gathercole kia
Soham Turner, Hitch wounded, pic 13th p8
Downham Hull wounded
Stuntney Moden died wounds
Isleham Taylor on leave
Littleport debate whether to have a Feast next year
Downham Carter in hospital
Sutton Pte Herbert Law military funeral
Stuntney church ‘war corner’ gets extra photo
- 1916 10 06
- 2 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Wicken
letter re cycle lights during blackout
- 3 comforts for soldiers – renewed appeal, list garments
- 5 casualties list
Ely
Mepal Pearson w. pic 13th p8
Witchford Adeane w. pic 20th p8
Littleport Crabb d.w. pic 20th p8, Knightall kia pic 13th p8
Soham Mann m., brother d.w, two others serving, pic 13th p8; Reeve m
- 6 Zeppelins – 4th brought down, fell in Essex
- 7 North Witchford tribunal
- 8 Soham women workers earn 18/- to £1 per week, scaremongering re zeppelins
Littleport mother help visit wounded son
Stuntney Taylor has fever, Macedonia, Burns promoted corporal
Prickwillow news Taylor, Edwards, Stearman pic 20th p8, Taylor, Lee

Soham volunteers – plain speaking a public meeting, men who rest behind their exemptions

Chettisham volunteers inspected
Advert Sunlight Soap – reduce price due navy
Women workers series - cocoa

1916 10 13

3 Newmarket Rural tribunal, many conditional exemptions: Soham, Fordham, Wicken
Isleham

5 Oxlode man absentee arrested
Soham man – Whitely commits suicide, depressed on having to join army
Casualty lists

Ely Sellers, once of Curry's Cycle shop
Downham Hall w., pic 20th pg
Haddenham Pettengell w., pic 20th p8

6 County tribunal – many appeals dismissed

8 casualties

Littleport Pearson kia
Prickwillow Palmer kia
Soham - Volunteer movement going strong
Isleham Curtis kia
Littleport - price increase die labour costs
Prickwillow - collect for Xmas presents soldiers
Adelaide Gathercole kia – pic
Littleport Warely kia – pic

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2 Newmarket rural tribunal – smallholders refused exemption; Soham, Isleham, Fordham,
Wicken, Burwell, Upware

2 North Witchford Tribunal
Military medals to Cambridgeshire and Suffolk man – list

3 Isle War pensions committee

8 casualties

Ely Serg Newby gets military medal
Mepal Sykes w.pic 27th p8
Prickwillow Butcher w., Dew w pic 27th p8, Palmer missing pic p8
Littleport Plant, (10 Mile Bank) w. pic 27th p8, Walls kia, pic 12th p8, Perry

kia

Soham Newman previously missing, now dead
Soham - Send parcels to 13 prisoners of war, Zeppelin relic – wire to be sold 1/- piece,

Volunteer company – 42 parade, Earlier shopping

Isleham Balls discharged unfit following wound
Downham Green wounded
Stuntney McGee wounded
Littleport Crabb dies wounds, pic
Peacock killed, pic
Sutton Lowe dies wounds – pic

1916 10 27

3 Ely rural tribunal, 'the most lenient in England'; Coveney, Lt Downham, Haddenham,
Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witchford

Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham, Upware, Swaffham
Prior, Burwell

conscientious objector Frank Woodroffe, Primitive Methodist

- County appeals tribunal; Burwell – Colchester & Ball appeal for men in fertiliser works
- regulations for despatch PoW parcels
- 5 Ely urban tribunal
Cambridgeshire Regiment in action – German redoubt captured
Casualties list, Ely
- 6 North Witchford tribunal – another big list of applications
- 8 casualties
- Soham Palmer kia, Webb w. pic 3rd p8, Edmunds w, Beeton w. Canham
w. pic 10th p8
- Sutton Dunklin – two sons wounded, Low w.
Littleport Lofts w. pic p8, Smith w.
Downham Jordan kia, pic p8
Stuntney McGee kia, Burns w. pic 3rd p8
- Soham volunteers now in sections
PoW thanks for gifts
'Our Day' – 225 Zeppelin wire mementos sold
Littleport - Zeppelin souvenirs
Downham – all Downham soldiers items published in columns are being preserved and
will be presented in book form to parish for a lasting reference; correspondent Sedley
investigating every rumour
War Work Association half-yearly meeting
Wilburton collect for wounded
Haddenham war work to restart
Chatteris man walks into lamp post during blackout
- 1916 11 03
- 2 Wisbech Borough Tribunal
Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Wicken, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell, Soham minister & a
conscientious objector, scoffs & jeers
Conscientious objector Woodroffe refused by allowed appeal
- 5 air raid precautions details
March Tribunal
Casualty list
Ely
Soham Ames w. pic p8, Johnson, w,
Stuntney McGee died wounded, other son 'missing' same day pic.p8,
Norden died wounds pic p8
- Downham Martin w. pic 10th p8
Littleport Cox died wounds
Manea Mann wins Military Medal, pic 10th p8
Sutton Marshall mentioned in despatches
- 6 appeals tribunal – Ely & Newmarket rural cases; majority dismissed; Downham,
Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Soham, Isleham
- 8 Soham early closing observed
Wicken volunteers 1st drill
Downham Hall promoted
- 1916 11 10
- 2 appeal tribunal, North Witchford rural, Whittlesey, Wisbech
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
- 5 County tribunal force association meeting
- 6 Newmarket rural tribunal, many Isleham cases
- 8 casualties
Soham Fellingham w., pic 17th p8, Bailey w, Shaw w, Brown w. pic p8

Littleport Jones kia
Stuntney McGee, news of 3 sons same day, pic p8
Stretham Howe kia, pic 17th p8
Manea Phillips dead
Downham Hopkin experiences, letter pic 17th p9
Soham appeal for information and photos casualties; volunteer drill
Stuntney Burns, corp. almost recovered from wound in left arm but arm practically useless; getting special electrical treatment

1916 11 17

3 Wisbech Borough tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal, several Soham claimants, Fordham, Wicken
5 absentee arrested
Ely rally of Red Cross nurses & voluntary stretcher bearers
War hospital supply depot, Barton Road
Ely city band lost drum – details
Isleham Clarke – 6 of 9 brothers in army
Ely – 9 charged absent without leave
6 North Witchford Tribunal
8 casualties
Pymore Jordan w.
Littleport Tuck kia
Downham Barrett kia, pic 24th p8
Manea Clarke died wounded, pic 24th p8
Isleham Cornwell now dead
Littleport - gifts PoWs

1916 11 24

2 appeal tribunal Wisbech
Elm conscientious objector – appeal dismissed
Appeals tribunal Ely, Witchford, Fordham, Soham, Isleham, Coveney, Downham
3 war & agriculture – strong criticism of military authorities
Chatteris tribunal
Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Aldreth, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton, Witchford, Witcham Gravel
5 Ely aeronaut loops loop
Ely urban tribunal
'smokes' for soldiers – big push of local fund
casualties list in attack October 10th – long list
6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham exempted
8 casualties
Soham Turner w. pic p8, Coulson medal pic 1st p8
Prickwillow Bonnett w., Jakes w, Sindhall ill
Downham M'Laren kia, pic 1st p8
Littleport Tuck kia (detail) pic
Haddenham Hawes w
Stretham Hitch m (pic)
Pymore Jordham w
Coates 8 wounded soldiers pic

Appeal tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham
Littleport luxuries for local soldiers; volunteers drill
Sutton aeroplane crashes on descent; volunteer force newly formed

1916 12 01

- 1 Chemico body shield, bullet resisting, bayonet proof, on display Wallbro window
- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
- 4 Ely hospital entertainment
- 5 Newmarket tribunal act re volunteers
- 6 appeal tribunal – Ely, Haddenham, Sutton, Lt Thetford, Witchford
- 8 casualties
 - Adelaide Seekings died wounds pic 8 p8
 - Prickwillow Weller w pic 8th p8
 - Witchford Watson kia pic 8th p8
 - Littleport Howlett died wounded pic 8th p8
 - Manea Youngs letter, Moate w, Smith DCM pic 8th p8
 - Sutton Johnson kia pic, Nunn k

Soham thanks from front for cigarettes

Downham air raid – insure before it happens, one £80 claim already paid through L.W.

Sedley – advert

1916 12 08

- 2 substitution scheme for agricultural labour – swap men for those called up; complaints against military appeals
 - Coates soldier describes attach
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunal, butcher refused exemption through declining to join volunteers; Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Burwell
 - Wisbech all wounded soldiers ordered from VAD Hospital to Cambridge following outbreak of typhoid
- 5 Shippea Hill man arrested as deserter
 - Ely farewell concerns for four wounded soldiers receiving treatment at Ely
 - Stonea Aveling memorial service
- 6 Ely Crofts funeral l/c

1916 12 15

- 3 Wisbech hospital, why the soldiers went
- 8 casualties
 - Soham Bailey kia pic
 - Sutton Faux w, pic
 - Haddenham Clark not missing, wounded
 - Littleport Lawrence kia pic 22nd p8
 - Stretham Wheeler kia pic 22nd p8, Hazel w. pic 22nd p8, Swan Military Medal
- Downham Shelton convalescing, Fuller wounded
- Littleport Rogers promoted
- Thetford Wright Military Medal pic

Littleport - opening of rifle range

Pymore - patriotic jumble sale

1916 12 22

- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
- North Witchford rural tribunal
- 5 Ely blackout – problems seeing lamp posts; sewing party send presents Cambridgeshire Regiment
 - Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham merchant's great loss, Soham, Fordham, Burwell, Wicken
 - Ely urban tribunal – all day sitting

- 6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – brilliant achievements
war savings – Isle Committee formed
- 8 casualties – a light list
Soham Eley w pic
Witcham Saberton missing pic
Mepal Hall kia
Soham ‘circumstances have made familiar Christmas parties almost a fiasco ... hope
for peace’
Downham – spherical balloon passed over – a shock similar to finding dodo amongst
poultry

1916 12 29

- 7 Ely volunteers inspection
- 8 casualties – light list
Soham West w
Downham Hull on home from hospital
Stretham Asplin on home leave
Stretham patriotic carol singers

Ely Standard 1917

1917 01 05

3 Ely Rural tribunals – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford

5 Ely military funeral Pte Gathercole

Soham flying fund successful effort

6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Burwell

8 casualties

Thetford

Newman m

Manea

Edwards Military Medal

Haddenham

Carman dw pic

Prickwillow

Paine w pic

Soham

West w pic

Downham

Hull slightly better

Littleport - war work party

Isleham Prisoner of war collection from Jan-Aug 7 men from Isleham on the list and each had monthly parcel of food worth 6/- sent. On 30 August L/C Whitehead added & Thursday last L/C Pitty wrote to say that he PoW

1917 01 12 – the WAR stories NOT FOUND

3 Increasing food supply, German prisoner labour

Isleham's family's fine record - 6 in service

Military labour - farmer had 4 soldiers, 3 dare not stand on corn stack, work too hard

8 Littleport - meteor

1917 01 19

3 Ely teacher sues man who called him slacker

Downham proposed cultivation of common

Correspondents to confine reports to not more than a quarter of a column

5 Women & the war - public meet, Ely

8 war savings meetings

casualties list

Soham

Challis kia

Wicken

Bailey w pic 26th p8

Stretham

Lowe d

Ely

Wayman DCC pic 26 p8

Soham thanks from Salonika, Volunteers presentation

Wicken volunteers inspected

1917 01 26

2 North Witchford tribunals – applicants to joint volunteers

3 food production – war ag meeting

5 Ely war hospital supply depot wants workers

Absent without leave

Military funeral Pte Everett

6 call up at 18, previously 18 yrs 7 months

war savings meeting

Ely urban tribunal – long sitting

8 casualties lists

Downham

Carter kia pic 2nd p8

Ely

Skeels Military Medal pic 2nd p8

Haddenham war work meeting

Littleport men not joining volunteers

Mepal

Hall kia pic

1917 02 02

- 2 Ely volunteers recruiting meeting
- 6 soldiers for farm work – how they man be obtained
Cambridgeshire Regiment medals
- 8 casualties – brief list
Ely appeal tribunal
Lt Thetford – 6 join Stretham company Volunteer force
Lt Thetford Newman ‘missing’ now prisoner

1917 02 09

- 2 Ely rural tribunal appeal by military representative – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wentworth, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wicken, Witchford
- 5 Ely military hospital wants gramophone – rec’d 16th p5
M.C. Fielding, field ambulance transfers RFC
Wilburton - death Mrs Claude Pell, funeral 16th p6
- 8 casualties
Manea Haylett kia
Downham Saberton lost leg, pic 16th p8, Saberton & Flanders on leave
Downham - Volunteer movement extended
Littleport Cross w pic
Witcham war savings committee
Volunteer training corps - figures for villages
Witcham – retirement Mary Dickerson, postmistress for 45 years

1917 02 16

- 2 Appeal tribunal Ely & Newmarket
North Witchford tribunal
- 5 Ely’s teacher’s experiences in France, many absentees arrested
Soham lot of soldiers receive parcels
- 8 Soham Bailey DCM, Seal MM pic 23rd p8
Haddenham Steel DCM
Littleport Spring on leave
Pymore - war savings committee
Manea - Volunteer corps formed

1917 02 23

- 2 appeal tribunal – very few exemptions, including Sutton – Drake threshing tackle, Downham, Littleport
- 6 Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Fordham, Burwell, Lode
Soham family’s sad war record, 5 brothers enlisted, 4 killed, one PoW
- 8 Downham Green kia pic 2nd p8
Manea Sears w
Soham Flying Fund affected by new customs regulations - smallest amount sent is 200 cigs; Ed can no longer give names for parcels
Haddenham war work fortnightly meeting
Littleport concert features artists returned from entertaining troops, France
Prickwillow – 40 drill
Downham Hobs recovering wound, soon expected on leave
Stretham Cambridge Volunteers concert

1917 03 02

- 2 War savings - what Ely & villages are doing
North Witchford tribunal

5 Ely rural tribunal – Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford

Mepal - porpoise captured at bridge

6 tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham Littleport

8 Littleport asked adopt Pow -, 2/6 week for parcel

Littleport band hard hit by war - all eligible called up, no drums

Coveney war savings association formed

Sutton war savings association formed

Littleport Goodge d pic

Ely Vale MM

Downham Yardy w

Wicken – R. Aspland correspondent for 50 years, ill

1917 03 09

2 Appeal tribunal – Littleport, Wilburton, Haddenham Witchford, Lt Downham; adjourned, Soham, Lt Downham, Oxlode, Sutton, Lt Thetford

Ely Rural tribunal – Sutton, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal

Ely urban

Wisbech rural

Prickwillow – Kingdon to resign, account of accident in London

3 Soldiers for land, war office to release 22,500, prisoners not to be used

5 Ely war savings association

Sunday postal delivery likely to be abolished

6 Ely volunteers annual meeting

8 casualties

Downham Rudderham d pneumonia pic 23rd p8, Bye exposure, Yardy w pic

Guyhirn Norman kia

Territorial Regiment 3,000 strong

Witchford discuss war savings

Littleport Furnell returns front, twice wounded, once gassed

Littleport memorial board to be unveiled

Downham Smith on leave

Downham - War savings – good start

1917 03 16

2 Wisbech rural tribunal

3 appeal tribunals

Newmarket rural – Soham, Fordham, Ashley, Wicken, Isleham, Coveney

Ely urban

Ely rural – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Wentworth

North Witchford

5 appeals – 55 appeals, all but 3 fresh

Ely RDC consider interviewing for volunteers National Industrial Service

8 Newmarket tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham

casualties

Littleport Elsegood d w pic 23 p8, Sickerson dw pic 23rd p8, Hawkes

convalescing pic 30 p9

Littleport Memorial unveiled, 39 names

Prickwillow Bonnett letter

Downham Saveal, Cornwell on leave, Butcher

Sutton war savings association starts

1917 03 23

2 appeal tribunals – Wisbech rural, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely Urban

National Service recruiting campaign

- 3 Tribunal Newmarket Rural – Soham, Burwell, Wicken Fordham
5 aeroplane lands between Ely & Lt Thetford
6 National service and agriculture: how farmers can obtain labour
8 casualties
Soham Frost kia
Mustard growing prohibited, no demand for soldier labour
Haddenham war work meeting
Wilburton war savings
Adelaide war savings association formed

1917 03 30

- 2 North Witchford tribunal
Ely – more absentees, volunteer news, War Hospital supply depot get letter
No private petrol – drastic new restrictions
6 Littleport Parish Council oppose National Service
8 casualties
Littleport Hawkins w again, Stimson w, Barrett distinguished service pic
Prickwillow war savings association

1917 04 06

- 2 appeal tribunals, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely – Downham, Coveney, Witcham,
Stretham, Wilburton, Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Ely urban
4 Prickwillow – Kingdon's resignation
6 Ely A Company volunteer force drill together for first time
5 Sutton Wright on mined ship – letter
8 casualties
Soham Brown kia
Littleport Murfitt w, pic 20th p8
Thetford Taylor w, pic 20th p8
Witchford - war work party have made 311 garments

1917 04 13

- 2 Ely district war funds society
Chatteris tribunal, agricultural men to work 10 hours a day
3 North Witchford tribunal
5 volunteer parade
Ely rural tribunal, many military reviews, long day's sitting – Downham, Lt Thetford,
Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Witcham, Witchford, Coveney, Haddenham
Ely district war savings committee – list villages
6 aeroplane descends ay Ely, Littleport, Coates
Sutton patriotic sale
8 casualties
Littleport Hawkins previously w now kia
Stretham Ambrose w, pic 27th p8
Soham PoW concert
Littleport patriotic jumble sale
Downham war savings

1917 04 20

- 2 Wisbech rural tribunal
5 seven absentees arrested
help for Ely prisoners
Littleport patriotic sale
8 casualties
Downham Thornton (son rector) kia

Prickwillow Peachey kia
Littleport volunteer “Your letter very personal, needs toning down” - ed
“Hiding behind volunteer corps” - letter
Stretham Routledge praised
Manea Moate kia
Soham Ellingham m pic
Soham volunteers 100 strong

1917 04 27

2 Sutton patriotic sale - £400
Ely isolation hospital opening in fields behind Witchford Road & St John’s Road, gift
Cutlack
3 Isle insurance company meeting - “all Isle doctors indispensable”
national service – how works
5 consignment of potatoes from Chatteris – pic
Huntingdon Kermode, vicar’s son, flying accident
8 casualties
Littleport Bell w pic
Downham Green w, pic 4th p8
Prickwillow Peachey kia pic
Soham Barber kia pic, Beeton m – further info, Hitch w pic 4th p8,
Peacock w. pic, Frost k pic, Brown k pic

1917 05 04

2 appeal tribunal
North Witchford tribunal
3 Women farm labour - Isle organisation set up
5 Prickwillow – Kingdon’s sale, including blacksmith’s premises
6 Wisbech rural tribunal
Sutton Painter letter, India
8 casualties
Soham Long w pic p8
Prickwillow Thorpe kia, Norman w (2)
Downham Missin w pic 11th p8, Barnes w
Littleport – Belgian woman robbed
Prickwillow aeroplane descends
Downham Sennitt dw

1917 05 11

3 war savings Ely – Friendly Society form association
Soham Flying Fund successful effort
Ely rural tribunal – more single men for army, complaint against Volunteers – Lt
Downham, Sutton, Haddenham, Wilburton, Littleport, Witchford, Stretham
5 Ely’s PoWs, now 20 send parcels
Littleport private, lent by army for farm work, no bike lights
6 calling up farm hands – agreement with Board Agriculture
Prickwillow - Baptist pastor Scarsbrook enlists, Rev Kingdon’s farewell
8 casualties
Littleport Crabb w pic 18 p8
Soham Ames w. pic, Porter m pic, Darnell m
Witcham Norman dw pic
Downham Yardy serious, Barnes w, nurse Harding leaving for France
Prickwillow Norman letter
Soham Talbot k pic

1917 05 18

- 2 appeal tribunal – Littleport, Sutton, Downham, Mepal
“Splendid Suffolks” –how charged Hindenburg line, ‘prisoners who would not
surrender
Vimy Ridge described by Benwick soldier
- 3 Age limit raised to 50
- 5 British airship over Ely
Volunteers signing on
PoW help committee
20,000 acres of pastures to be cropped ‘can it be done;
war pensions – meet Isle committee
- 8 casualties
Soham Badcock m - pic 25 p8
Littleport Townsend died wounds – pic 25 p8
Wilburton Hopkins m – pic 25 p8
Prickwillow Watts k – pic 25 p8, Cross k
Sutton Knight kia
Pymore Powers w, Warren w – pics 8th Jun p8
Lt Thetford Gent kia, Dewsbury k – pics 25 p8, Scarrow kia
Soham PoW parcels to 13, Food economy meeting
Downham Barnes visited in hospital – pic
Haddenham - shops now close 1-2
Stretham – A.E. Wright died of shock on hearing death of two sons in France

1915 05 25

- 2 Ely urban tribunal
- 3 Wisbech borough tribunal
- 5 Ely girl d., took ill during war work, Salisbury Plain – Miss P. Tuck
Ely soldier describes attack
King’s proclamation frugality and economy
- 8 Casualties - 3 lines of pics “heroes fallen in war”
Littleport Jordan kia pic, Jordan kia
Black Horse Drove Crabb now d.w.
Soham Mothersole kia, Audus kia pic, Fordham de pic, Porter m, now
kia, Fuller w pic 8 Jun p8, Martin m pic, King w pic
Prickwillow Watts d
Downham Cornwell kia, Saberton dw pics 8th p8,
War Ag Committee meet
Soham soldier letter - “to be sold, dug out”
Littleport Peake leaves for training
Wicken – feast died out, only stall of fish vendor

1917 06 01

- 2 Mepal patriotic sale
- 6 North Witchford tribunal
- 8 casualties
Soham Murfet w
Littleport Neal m, Parker kia – pics 8th p8
Upware Creek kia pic 8th p8
Downham Rudderham kia pic 8th p8
Prickwillow Crane escape from death – letter
Littleport Murfitt, Cobb, Harwood on leave
Ely urban tribunal

1917 06 08

- 2 Tribunal - members resignation - after unsuccessful appeal son; Littleport, Sutton, Haddenham, Witcham, Downham, North Witchford
Littleport food control committee
- 3 Newmarket rural tribunal
Training disabled soldiers
Prickwillow – Rev Kingdon resignation, p.8 marries
- 5 photo soldiers honoured
Man fined for feeding bread to dogs Ely
Huntingdon Whetstone charged as absentee
Downham patriotic soldier
Ely khaki concert
- 8 casualties
Prickwillow Day dw pic
Littleport Porter m pic
Downham Wright military medal
Wicken Military Road becoming overgrown, pontoon bridge removed
Downham women's war work meeting
Littleport food control committee
Upware Creek memorial service
Chettisham Oakey m pic
Haddenham Everitt W pic
Downham Powers w pic
Littleport Rogers w pic
Haddenham – feast held, Friendly Societies parade

1917 06 15

- 2 patriotic sales Ely, Mepal, Witcham
- 5 wounded soldiers war work sold Ely
war ag reports on breaking up grass land
Isle farmers union breaking up pasture
- 6 Downham patriotic sale
- 8 casualties
Littleport Wilmot PoW pic, Furnell w 3rd time
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic
Littleport PoW help committee, volunteer news
Downham nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting
Haddenham Ainger kia
Manea Carter m, Hamilton letter
Soham letter from PoWs
Wicken Rumbelow funeral from Kitchen Terrace
Wilburton food control campaign
Witchford food economy meeting
Littleport food economy meeting
Haddenham war savings association
Mepal food control meeting

1917 06 22

- 2 Ely rural tribunal – war ag committee criticised, Littleport detailed case, Witchford, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Sutton, Thetford, Wilburton
- 6 Ely food campaign
- 8 casualties
Soham Barker kia
Wicken Bailey m pic, Bailey w
Littleport Johnson w, Cole w & m
Downham Jugg w

Soham Red Cross fete, “Feast” in name only
Wicken - German curios exhibited, vicar helps on farm
Littleport PoW help committee
Volunteer news
Downham - nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic
Prickwillow – welcome for Red Kingdon and his bride at St Teath, Cornwall

1917 06 29

2 appeal tribunal – one man business contention fails, Littleport, Downham, Mepal, Haddenham, Manea, Ely urban
3 Wisbech rural tribunal – farmers and tradesmen wanted
Manea & hospitals – another record despite rain
5 Airship over Ely - finest view had
Ely war shrine to be unveiled
6 North Witchford tribunal
war pensions
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Swaffham Prior, Soham, Burwell
8 casualties
Littleport Woods w pic 6 p8, Dennis kia pic, Mann kia, Thorby w
Newspaper staffs not to be denuded further for war
Sutton Clarke kia pic
Downham awkward aeroplane descent
Burnt Fen parcels for soldiers
Prickwillow St Teath welcome Kingdom
Littleport volunteers receive 30 1914 rifles

1917 07 06

2 Ely war shrine unveiled (pic p5)
Ely urban tribunal
Patriotic sale - £1,200
8 casualties
Soham Beeton reported k 12 months after m
Littleport Long w, Chapman kia pic,
Witchford Dunham kia, pic
Downham Rudderham kia, Wright w. pic 3rd p8
Soham Horsley medal, Matherson kia pic,
Soham aeroplane descends Shade
Wicken – military road, activity near Cam
Haddenham war ag committee
Wilburton feast – no stalls of any kind, ‘will soon die away’

1917 07 13

5 PoWs parcels - letter
Ely military hospital - sports & concert
6 Women’s land army - more recruits wanted
8 casualties
Soham Mann kia, letter, pic
Soham POW parcels being received

1917 07 20

5 Ely hospital acknowledges pillows
War funds society report
Women farm workers – Isle Committee meet

8 Soham Collen joins US army – account, Howe kia pic 24th Aug p3,
Collinson k in ship explosion

1917 07 27

2 Soham paint letter boxes with luminous paint
Littleport feast
6 training disabled soldiers, East Anglian committee
8 Soham Concert aid VAD work Fordham
Wicken Coronation Band still practices
casualties
Witchford Young kia
Littleport Hines PoW
Soham Collinson m, navy stoker, pic
Prickwillow Crunkhorn kia, pic

1917 08 03

paper smaller in size

2 appeal tribunal – new procedure in farm cases – Downham, Mepal, Littleport
5 Ely volunteer inspection – 50
Ely dispensary appeals for funds
8 casualties

1917 08 10

3 war intercession, Ely
5 Cricket wounded soldiers Ely v Fulbourn
Ely & Downham volunteers
Prickwillow patriotic sale, magnificent effort
Stuntney vicar compiles a volume of Stuntney Records, will be left in safe
6 Proposed war museum
8 Littleport cinema – new gas engine & motor power
casualties
Littleport Weldon kia, Conn w pic
Downham Taylor PoW, pic
Soham Stegges kia 1916 – info: went Canada, pic
Haddenham Coatman, Benton on leave

1917 08 17

2 appeal tribunal, Ely urban
5 Haddenham discuss problems transport Ely station
Food economy campaign committee, Ely area, wound up
Soham Capt Morbey kia
Soldiers home-coming, problems transport from Ely station to Haddenham – letter
6 Cambridgeshire Regiment losses, many officers knocked out
8 Pidley man sunk U-boat
8 Prickwillow – patriotic effort raises £500, DCM Cockerel
casualties
Littleport Cooper kia, Wells kia pics 17th p8, Gross w & sent England,
Warren kia pic
Soham Lawrence w
Downham Fincham w
Coveney Coulson m presumed d
Manea Mason kia, Clarke w, Elliner w.
Stuntney McGee family “3 killed in one day”, 4th w

Haddenham Burling w, Charles w, Burgess & Pettengell missing now presumed dead, Porter wounded 2nd time, came home for funeral of mother but three hours too late, Whetstone, Chapman, Baker, Rutherford, Everitt, Pope, Jackson on leave

1917 08 24

5 RFC men at funeral Mrs Oakey, she catered RFC men in her tea-room
6 casualties
Isleham Clarke w
Littleport Hudson dw pic p8, Sallis kia pic p8
Soham Howe kia pic p8
7 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham
8 casualties
Stretham Wheeler kia pic
Stuntney - McGee d.w
Sutton - Clay d. heat stroke, Egypt
Downham Swaine kia letter
Soham Morbey kia pic, Nunn kia pic, Peacock dw pic, Meeks sailed

Egypt

Soham – harvest – women workers
Wicken – harvest women workers & vicar
Military Road – County Council not take over till bridge completed

1917 08 31

3 Cs Regiment - record of some engagements, importance of training at home
5 Ely war hospital supply depot - large parcel goes to the casualty clearing station every fortnight
7 Farm workers wage - 25/- week now payable
8 Sugar now available for preserving, (tremendous response)
Soham - cigs, letter from Macedonia “smoking prevents mosquitoes pulling us out of dug-outs”
Downham men on sick leave – Wright, Young, Jefferson, Bidwell
casualties
Soham Clark kia, Human kia, Beeton kia soon after brother, pic 7th Sep
p8
Littleport Rogers dw pic, Lock presumed dead, Simpson w
Haddenham Wordingham m, Patterson missing but is PoW Turkey, Ambrose
kia, Hall kia, Acred w.
Haddenham leave - Webster on leave, Salmons on sick leave, Kermod on
leave after aircraft accident, Russell, Few, Miller, Bearcock
Wilburton Sneesby w now d, Sharpe d
Stretham Fitch discharged after wounds, Boyce former PoW now home
Mepal Constable four sons, three wounded
Downham Swaine kia pic

1917 09 07

2 casualties
Soham Gilbey m now d, Jobson dw
County Regiment recent heroic attack
3 Mrs. Hughes, VAD, serving important military hospital 13 months, given red efficiency stripe
5 death Henry Hamit, engineer Isleham water works, 64, father drove Haddenham engine, son succeeds 14th Sep p2
8 Stretham – war-work room reopened, 334 articles sent
casualties
Stretham Beasley kia, Wheeler Bros memorial service

Littleport Webb w, Leverington kia, Sparrow two sons k pic 14th p8, Laws
w sixth time,
Burnt Fen Gipp PoW pic
Downham Hurd of Oxlode w, Chambers w pic 14th p8, Peacock w
Soham Human memorial service
Downham Smith gazetted Manchester, Moxon lost leg accident, Missin w at
home, Gilbert & Russell released for harvest work
Soham man “m”, now “kia” & buried (muddle)

1917 09 14

2 Ely food control committee
6 Medal issued for 1914 troops
casualties
Prickwillow Rice kia pic p8
Soham Fisk w
8 Soham - shabbily dressed “woman” arrested as escaped German Pow
Downham - Gunner Hull at war received bale clover for horse from Cooke of
Downham, Volunteers - some neglect to attend minimum drills
Casualties
Haddenham Ambrose kia letter, on leave Chapman, Collins
Stretham Baxter kia
Littleport Cross w pic
Downham Hull returns hospital after leave, Hard wounded – pic

1917 09 21

3 Chatteris airman killed, how Lieut Angood died
5 Ely bakers charge 9d per loaf, provided customers pay once a week, otherwise 1/2d
more, co-op absolutely cash trade
6 Ely - butchers excessive prices. Lieut Blakeman Military Cross
national service reorganisation of work
7 ploughing of pastures, position in Isle, committee avoid compulsion if possible
8 casualties
Haddenham Weeks dw, Green Military Medal, Starkey commissioned,
Hawkins & Russell 10 days leave, Green month leave for harvest
Littleport Mann – seaman DSM, Webb w pic
Prickwillow Day Military Medal
Downham Fuller narrow escape
Stretham Baxter, Beasley, Wesley memorial service
Haddenham - Red Cross effort
Littleport – need to husband food
Manea Cooper, Cox memorial service, now 19 fallen, 2 missing

1917 09 28

2 North Witchford Tribunal
3 ejection order against soldier’s wife
6 zeppelin raids SE England, Lincs
8 casualties
Soham Low w
Stretham Jarman w
Haddenham Cockle on leave – walked from Ely, Hart on leave
Prickwillow Day, Gooch awarded Military Medal
Soham - PoW fund
Downham – d Mrs Goodge, widow late Pte Jack Goodge, leaves six-year-old daughter
orphan
Prickwillow – cadets based in Prickwillow

Littleport – VTC, 30 shoot at Ely

1917 10 05

- 2 Ely Pow concert – details of experiences prisoners
Soham - objections to luminous paint
- 3 Ely - rumours that 3 escaped German prisoners chased through fen with fixed bayonets
Retail coal prices
- 5 Bronco Bill wild west exhibition coming to Ely
Prickwillow motor car in river, new vicar T.G. Pearson of London
- 8 casualties
 - Soham Hobbs w now d, Audus w pic 12th p8
 - Littleport Bell w 2nd time pic, Cheeswright Military Medal
 - Soham – VTC get new uniforms
 - Downham – VTC 16 parade
 - Littleport – aeroplane descends damaging propellers, wedding Pettit – discharged soldier, w PoW, returned
 - Haddenham - leave – Miller, Howes, Metcalfe, Rutherford, Wolfe after w, Plater – Barnardo's boy visiting foster mother; VTC 48 parade

1917 10 12

- 3 Wisbech rural tribunal
Ely food control committee – butchers to be interviewed
- 5 casualties
 - Soham Brown kia
- 8 Wilburton - apply faculty for stained glass window Mrs Pell
Littleport - town band general meeting
Downham – Rev Smith lectures on ‘Our Village’ shall be preserved, given 1909, War work committee review

Casualties

- Coveney Spencer w
- Witchford Coulson kia pic 19th p8
- Stuntney McGee kia pic 26th p8
- Haddenham Bristow kia pic 19th p8, Whetstone shellshock & abrasion
- Downham several men on leave including Saberton – lost leg
- Witcham Corp Powell promoted sergeant
- Haddenham Lord, Burling on leave, Thaxter gone rest camp

1917 10 19

- 2 Norfolk man destroys memorial to his son erected by uncle
- 3 Wisbech borough memorial
Wilburton – late Major Pell impressive service
Haddenham sale Hinton Hall & North Fen farms
- 8 Soham - Luminous paint on lampposts effective, volunteer inspection, ‘Our Day’ patriotic collection
Prickwillow – Pearson inducted
- Casualties
 - Littleport Fitch kia
 - Downham Lee PoW, Palmer has final leave before war – delayed by illness
 - Soham Badcock, Bullman PoWs, Fordham m
 - Haddenham Clark & Howard on leave, Starkey returns

1917 10 26

- 2 standardised dwellings, state to build 150,000 workmen's dwellings
- 4 Ely wounded entertained, letter from PoW thanks for gifts

- 5 Soham - Fitch lost both legs presented hand-propelled chair from Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund
- 6 Zeppelins raid E & NE counties
letter on behalf PoW & comforts for troops fund
casualties
Sutton Dunkling w pic 2nd p8
Littleport Neal was m now kia pic p8, Bell kia pic p8
Mepal Constable kia pic p8, Whitehead w pic p8
- 8 Stretham – egg collection continues
Mepal – war work depot meet
casualties
Haddenham Coulson m; on leave Hostler, Thulborne, Southgate, Chapman
discharged after w, Thaxter, 55, has been road-making in France, now ill
Soham Aspland sailor on HMS Mary Rose drowned when sunk pic 9th
Wicken Norman kia
Burnt Fen Butcher kia, details 2nd p8 & pic
Sutton Dewey dw, memorial service Croxon, Clay, Dewey
Witchford Adams w, Gedney w pics 2nd p8
Thetford Wright awarded DCM

1917 11 02

- 2 Ely Food Control – meat, tea & butter prices, committee in favour of compulsory rationing
- 5 Pymore water polluted with sewage
PoW flag day
Ely rural food control fixing the price of meat, butchers interviewed
- 8 Haddenham correspondent is A.E.R. Bearcock
Downham – volunteer orders, soldier's wedding – Canham
Littleport – Mawby promoted captain
- casualties
Downham Green w pic 9th p8
Soham Freeman kia
Littleport Coulson kia pic 9th p8
Haddenham on leave Searle, Barham, Porter, Miles, Coxall – been road making, now ill
Soham Jobson kia pic

1917 11 09

- 2 North Witchford Tribunal
- 3 Coates defence of “frivolity” & “merry making”
more potato cases – seed sold at excessive prices
flash lamps are nuisance & dangerous
appeal tribunals – Stretham, Littleport, Haddenham, Sutton
- 4 retail price list of meal
- 5 Ely food control committee – shortage of milk
Territorial Association, many casualties in Cambridgeshire Regiment reported
- 8 Prickwillow - quite a number of soldiers at work on farm, 1st time for 60 years no pork in W.G. Edward's shop
Sutton – war savings committee
Haddenham – war work meet
Casualties
Downham Fuller w 3rd time, Wright dangerously ill
Soham Clarke kia letter pic, Brown awarded Military Medal pic

Haddenham Bishop awarded Military Medal; on leave – Shipp, Taylor, Watts,
Southgate
Prickwillow Sindall ill, Hopkin w, Bonnett & Pratt on leave

1917 11 16

3 Doddington potato merchant fined £1,400 for illegal profit
4 Ely funeral sapper Everson
5 Ely war hospital supply depot anniversary meeting
6 Isle County Council discuss training disabled men
8 Prickwillow – distribution war funds
Downham - VTC orders
casualties
Soham Murfet dw, Hobbs kia
Thetford Gage kia pic 22nd p8
Haddenham Pake w pic 23rd p8, Hart w; on leave – Lown, Emery after
amongst wounded horses, Holmes, Thaxter, Green, Bearcock, Tebbutt commissioned RFC
Downham Wright kia pic 23rd p8
Manea Edwards kia pic 23rd p8

1917 11 23

2 Wentworth -school to continue
3 death Neil Primrose in Palestine MP, North Cambs Parliamentary Constituency – pic
p5, funeral 30th p3
4 Ely soldiers letter re clothing sent out from Ely
5 urgent need to break up pastures
Ely Rural Tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton
7 Ely urban tribunal
8 Prickwillow – two aeroplanes land
casualties
Littleport Kirby m from May now presumed d pic, Cracknell kia pic,
Newton ill
Haddenham Clements w, on leave: Porter, Howard, Pettengell
Prickwillow Day Military Medal pic
Thetford Wright DCM
Burnt Fen Neal kia pic 30th p8
Downham Hull, Cornwell, Skinner, Langford on leave
Sutton Meaks d of chill when on leave

1917 11 30

2 Burnt Fen – socials in schoolroom, reply to gossip
3 Wisbech borough tribunal
4 new scheme for parcels to PoWs
5 Ely food conference, 10 week old child fed on flour & water
Soham flying fund ‘big push’ for cigarettes
Mepal – successful effort for PoWs
Soham disastrous fire, six cottages St John’s Square
Pymore & Downham water supply
6 appeal tribunals – Manea
8 Haddenham – war work party started Hill Row Mission room
Downham – war savings low, ‘Votes for Women’ meeting
casualties
Littleport Mawby w
Downham Taylor kia, Wright appreciation,
Soham Mote gassed pic
Haddenham Jackson on leave

Sutton death of mother of Meeks - shock

1917 12 07

- 2 Sutton – correspondence re exemption etc
- 4 PoWs thank for parcels
 Letter “they will want men up to 90 if this goes on much longer”
 By-election, Coote nominated, Republican party threatens to appoint candidate
 Ely St Mary’s memorial tablet Rev Punched
- 6 Ely urban food committee
- 7 Have you helped your country - buy war bonds – advert
- 8 Sutton – concert at Christmas for soldiers
 Haddenham – war working party Hill Row
 casualties
 Soham Norman kia pic, Brown Military Medal pic
 Prickwillow Norman w
 Manea Sears PoW, Guy dw
 Thetford Dewsbury DCM
 Haddenham Peacock gassed, Saberton in hospital, Whetstone seriously ill,
 Pettengell w, Rutherford shell shock, Jackson returning France, Whetstone now to Italy,
 Hayden returned Australia await discharge
 Downham Leach on leave
 Thetford Yarrow commissioned

1917 12 14

- 3 butchers combine form association
 Col Goodwyn Luddington Archer granted divorce due misconduct of wife Phyllis with
 Capt Allan Morris – letters describe circumstances
- 4 More wounded arrive Ely - 20, several badly wounded arrive at Red Cross Hospital,
 bring number up to 38
- 5 “Why do married tradesmen have to undertake VTC duties while young single men are
 absolutely free”
 Photo “Good cheer from home” - Chatteris is Pow with parcel
 Bye-election no news of Republican candidate
 Casualties
 Littleport Fletcher w
 Downham Flanders w, Culpin dw, Martin kia – pics p8
- 6 “Over the top” - Chatteris guardsman’s letter
- 8 Sutton – arrangements conveying soldiers to Ely
 PoWs - £3,000 wanted in Isle
 casualties
 Haddenham Miller shell shock, Lown in hospital
 Stretham Swan kia
 Littleport Benton w pic

1917 12 21

- 3 bye-election uncontested, Coote unopposed
- 4 RFC social & athletic club concert, Ely
 ‘War on earth but goodwill to men’ editorial
 Capt Neil Primrose MP buried at Jewish cemetery near Jerusalem, (“incorrect, in
 French convent” 28th p4)
 Royal Flying Corps social & athletic club concert, Ely
 Infant scholars & our prisoners – entertainment
- 5 casualties list
- 6 VAD hospital - large no. beds vacant & majority need no medical attention, but 1st
 EGH overcrowded

- 8 Wicken – Aspland agent Ely Standard nearly 50 years to relinquish due to eye strain
Haddenham – Clements sick leave

1917 12 28

- 3 The war in 1917 by military expert
The year's story
- 4 Christmastide - 40 wounded soldiers spent happy Xmas at local Red Cross hospital
- 5 aircraft crashes as taking off at Ely having descended through lack petrol
North Witchford tribunal
- 6 Neil Primrose tribute
- 8 appeal to farmers to increase production
casualties
Sutton Nunn kia
Littleport Cooper kia letter

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1918 01 04

- 3 Soham military funeral Clarke
Oil wells discovered at Ramsey
- 5 Ely soldier deserts on arrival Italy
Benwick incendiary bomb unearthed
Soham party – dance for PoWs
- 6 Shire Horse outlook - how will tractors affect breeding
- 7 Downham – polluted wells
- 8 casualties
Prickwillow Gooch w
Lt Thetford Yarrow kia pic 11th p8, Norman w pic, Gillett w pic
Downham Miller m pic, Martin kia pic
Stretham Routledge kia
Littleport Smith & Hart on leave, Spooner home prior commission, Cooper dw pic
- Haddenham Gifford, Carley, Whetstone, Peters Watts on leave
Sutton – war savings association £700 raised

1918 01 11

- 2 Ely coal merchants fine for exceeding scheduled prices
- 3 “Air raid bargains” - heading used to advertise motorbikes
Ely food control centre, need for rationing butter
- 4 Ely wounded soldiers complain – told off for taking shortcut
- 5 German PoWs considered for reclaiming wetlands near Isleham
absentees arrested
Ely – ‘Votes for Women’ meeting
- 6 Chatteris Clare recommended for bravery
- 7 intercession at Ely cathedral
appeal tribunals – Soham, Haddenham
- 8 casualties
Downham Miller reported m now PoW
Haddenham Jackson m
Soham – PoW fund audited account, intercession service
Wicken - intercession service
Haddenham – intercession service, Coxall sick leave
Prickwillow – intercession service
Littleport – intercession service
Downham Meeks w, Palmer leave
Stretham – intercession service

1918 01 18

- 3 Wentworth – F Company 3rd Battalion Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment parade
- 5 YWCA jumble sale for provision recreation hut for women in France
local wounded 0 – 3 wounded transferred to Switzerland
Wilburton – death and funeral Rev Scott
- 8 casualties
Littleport Crabb was m now PoW
Haddenham Frost w now d pic 25th p8
Thetford Howard m pic
Adelaide Crane PoW pic
Sutton Nunn kia pic
Appeal to relatives for information on casualties
Downham – war savings

Littleport – entertain 13 wounded or discharged soldiers
Haddenham Whetstone on leave, an ‘Old Contemptible’
Wilburton – eggs for wounded

1918 01 25

5 Spherical balloon descends Stuntney. “the whirring of aeroplane engine has become common sound by night & day
8 Pymore soldiers feel forgotten by villagers
casualties
Littleport Dennis w
Manea Edwards made Lieut-Col.
Stuntney Burns, Norden, Mayle, West on leave
Huntingdon Steele, Bearcock, Everitt, Salmons, Clements on leave
Prickwillow Palmer joined up but sick, d

1918 02 01

5 RFC entertainment Ely
war pensions meeting of Ely committee
6 March nurse’s experiences - went to Egypt with hospital staff from Cambridge
8 casualties
Littleport Kirby kia (previously m), Byers w pic 15th p8, Pettitt discharged soldier, wounded & PoW
Haddenham Miller on leave before joining tank corps, Hawes, Chapman & Lown on leave, Whetstone home on leave from hospital
Downham Smith gazetted
Downham – charity send money four PoWs

1918 02 08

3 food control prosecutions – farmers & millers fined
5 Newmarket rural tribunal – many Soham cases
8 casualties
Soham Murfitt PoW
Littleport Gilson w pic 15th p8, Pettitt military funeral, Bent torpedoed en route Egypt
Downham Young w pic 15th p8
Sutton Smith w pic 15th p8
Manea Pearson kia
Haddenham Peters, Gilson, Lord, Coxall on leave
Haddenham – whist drive for blind soldiers

1918 02 15

5 Ely try get street lights on, provided can be dimmed in Zeppelin attack
“aeroplanes galore” - £242,703 collected - 96 planes
Ely food control committee
Littleport – officer’s wedding – Lieut Shetton
Sutton raised £117,840 - 47 planes
8 Haddenham. Butchers shut Mon & Tues as shortage meat
casualties
Haddenham Everitt (Aldreth) gassed, Smith & Taylor on leave
Wilburton Hopkin presumed d
Thetford Dewsbury awarded DCM
Downham Palmer trench fever, Crane RFC on leave, Barns & Miller on leave, Brown recovering from wounds

Soham – PoW concert
Labourers' union meeting Haddenham

1918 02 22

3 appeal tribunal – Isleham, Sutton, Littleport, Stretham
5 Soham – gas works fire
8 casualties
Littleport Cole w & m now kia pic, Woods m
Stuntney Holliday drowned pic
Prickwillow – notes re schoolboys stay as potato picker at Hiams

1918 03 01

3 Newmarket rural tribunal
5 Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton
Labourers union in argument with farmer
Aeroplane week, Isle asked for 8 planes, Ely tries for 8, aeroplane to be exhibited
8 Improper use barley – Soham farmers & millers fined
Downham – aeroplane lands in hedge
Haddenham – Hill Row war workers

1918 03 08

1 farmers invited to sell twitch for medicinal purposes
5 aeroplane week progress
8 casualties
Food economy, Ely meeting, bread rationing may come
Soham flying fund has sent ½ million cigarettes
Witchford – war aims meeting
Haddenham Light sub-lieut Tebbut RFC on leave, Hunt family formerly
Hinton Hall – war casualties
Sutton – war aims, war savings
Manea Carter kia pic
Haddenham – war work

1918 03 15

5 “Aeroplanes galore” - £242,703 collected = 96 planes, Sutton raised £117,840 = 47 planes
8 casualties
Prickwillow Watts w, White, Booch, Edwards, Taylor on leave
Soham Smythe awarded MC
Wentworth – volunteer inspection
Haddenham - butchers shut shops as shortages
Haddenham Gifford & Leach on leave, walked from Ely, Collin & Barham on
Leave
Manea – aeroplane week - £1,297

1918 03 22

2 North Witchford tribunal
5 aeroplane week – village figures
7 Cambridgeshire Volunteers protest against change of name to Suffolk Regiment
8 casualties
Prickwillow Watts w, Phillips Military Medal, Taylor & Gipp on leave
Soham Fuller gallant conduct
Haddenham Newell, Bearcock, Tebbitt, Burling, Jackson on leave, Kermod
– vicar's son-in-law k

Downham Fincham, Moxon, Cornwell, Saberton, Setchell, Langford,
Barber on leave, Flanders escaped tight corner, Wright promoted
Isle of Ely PoW fund
Ely schoolchildren collect eggs for wounded soldiers

1918 03 29

3 Wisbech rural tribunal
5 Princess Mary presents chevrons Women's Lane army
8 Haddenham Howard w, Thaxter, Taylor, Lent (RFC), Smith, Searle, Cox,
Clark on leave
Downham Powers of Oxloode w, Wright now instructor
Sutton Faux returns active service after w
Huntingdon – Hill Row war work

1918 04 05

4 Compulsory rationing meat, butter & margarine next week
5 Ely war funds society balance sheet
Soham – aircraft & PoW fund
7 Ely tradesmen sue London Advertising Company 'Railway Guides Co'
8 casualties
Soham Gilbey m, now body found & buried, Dow w, Clark gassed
Littleport Pond m now d pic 12th p8
Haddenham Green w
Downham Palmer discharged medical grounds, Fuller w
Farm labourer's wages 30/- per week (min), 54 hrs
Haddenham - Hill Row mission room new organ dedicated in memory Pte Bristowe
Expect raise age limit to 50 soon
Sutton – soldiers' conveyance fund from Ely station

1918 04 12

2 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham & Fordham cases
5 Cambridgeshire Regt. 10 days of heaviest fighting
7 Cambridgeshire volunteers application gas masks & shrapnel helmets
8 many parents anxiously waiting postman's rat – tat, I hear quite a few field
postcards have come through
casualties
Stretham Stitt m
Sutton Wayman kia
Haddenham Salmons w, Ainger w (two brothers already killed)
Downham Smith kia pic
Prickwillow Watts on leave
Quite a normal notice is "no beer"
Haddenham war work, last of season, continue some work during summer
Wicken – volunteers drill

1918 04 19

5 Ely - more wounded arrive, 15 more at Red Cross Hospital bringing total to 47
Ely PoWs "number increasing immensely", send to 11 local prisoners
Farm wages approved – 30/- a week minimum, 9d hour all overtime
Casualties
Stretham Stitt m, pic p8
Littleport Dobson w
Soham Elsdon gassed, Marriott w
Wicken Bailey m presumed d, pic 24th p8

- Prickwillow Hopkin w again
Belgian medals – Soham – Bailey, Munns, Sutton – Wayman
Primrose, MP – will
Ely – blind city crier, Read Wayman, marries Anne Greaves
6 potato position – farmers response to appeal for increased acreage
7 Labour Party formed for Isle of Ely
8 Prickwillow – Mission for Seaman collection, meat ‘obsolete word’;
Prickwillow Edwards, cavalry lucky escape
Haddenham, Kermode’s son writes “Hymn for airman”. War work – 52 shorts, 120
handkerchiefs etc
Downham Hull gazetted out after wounds
Downham – military wedding
Ten Mile Bank Watson k pic
Manea Bates w pic

1918 04 26

- 2 Ely rural tribunal – many exemptions reviewed – Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham,
Sutton, Downham,
3 Wilburton - soldier k in accident Wilburton bridge
4 Exceptions - up to 23 yr olds cancelled
5 food control committee
Haddenham – patriotic sale
Men for army – calling-up arrangements for new classes
Casualties
Littleport Thornhill kia pic 3rd May p8, Milson PoW
Soham Leonard dw pic p8, Reeve kia pic p8, Norman m, Sizer gassed,
Edmunds m, Marriot w
Downham Setchell pic 3rd p8
Soham –soldiers on poaching charge
8 Stretham Stitt’s youngest son passes navy exam
Wicken – eggs for wounded
Downham – meeting to form W.I.

1918 05 03

- 3 “Is March to have a hospital, if not why not”
Fred Hiam presentation by Isle Coursing Club
4 speeding up tribunals – new regulations in force
5 casualties
Sutton Haddock w
Soham Edwards kia, West w, Horsley PoW, Gooding PoW
Stretham Routledge gassed. Hazel kia
Littleport Lee w pic 10th p8
Downham Young PoW, Setchell error not w but pneumonia
Haddenham Miles & Whetstone PoW, Acred kia
7 Soham – PoW fund concert
8 Thetford - labourers union, decide form branch
Wicken - volunteers make good progress, most uniformed
Wardy Hill – thanks for PoW funds
Downham – WI meeting
Manea – fire brigade strike, refuse to do annual trial of fire engine, want 2/-, get 1/-

1918 05 10

- 3 appeal tribunal – Downham, Stretham, Littleport, Haddenham, Sutton,
5 Ely rural food control committee
War savings - village totals

- Soham – flying fund effort for PoWs
Haddenham – war funds, £454 raised
Casualties
Mepal Norman m pic p8
Littleport Luddington w, Thompson m pics p8, Thompson w
Soham Shaw w, Lawrence m
Downham Hull w pic 17th p8
Thetford Wright kia pic 17th p8
Haddenham Kimms kia
Upware Cornwell PoW pic 17th p8
Sutton Fulcher kia
Prickwillow Day & Phillips medals
7 North Witchford Tribunal
8 Soham – to pay ½ gas bill in consequence blackout of lights
Littleport – volunteer instruction
Stretham - Rector article “drawing us all together”
Sutton Faux commissioned
Haddenham – aeroplane gives exhibition of looping the loop
Ten Mile Bank Butcher kia pic
Adelaide Wright m pic

1918 05 17

- 2 Soham – church parade for PoW fund
3 Ely PC assaulted by 6 men, discharged army, who working airfield, Norfolk soldier stole bike
5 Agricultural wages, new minimum rate starts, women, girl and boy labour
Downham - Prayers for dead, Rector’s retort to Baptists
Casualties
Littleport Crabb w, Houghton m pic p8
Haddenham Smith kia pic 24th p8
Upware Driver w pic 24th p8
Witcham Powell m, pic 24th p8
Downham Jugg w, Hopkins m, Bells PoW pics 24th p8, Harrison w
Mepal – Rowell m
8 Soham - £500 raised for PoW
Sutton – war savings committee
Coveney – fund for conveyance of soldiers
Littleport – patriotic jumble sale for PoWs
Manea Kirby kia pic
Soham Wood PoW pic

1918 05 24

- 2 Ely urban tribunal
3 Ely flooded – worst storm for many years, Cathedral & Wesleyan church struck
6 Mepal – Red Cross sale
Prayers for dead – letter re Downham incident
Armllets for land woman after 30 days work, then star etc
7 Tribunal Exemptions - guide to applicants
8 casualties
Soham Allen w, Lawrence m, Harlock kia, Adams Military Cross
Sutton Smith w pic 7th p8, Hensley m
Mepal Hensley m pic

Downham Easey w, Peacock PoW pics 31st p8
Downham – Baptists letter

1918 05 31

- 2 North Witchford Tribunal
- 4 Very small proportion men 18-23 employed in agriculture exempted - 360 were attested – employers applied for 231 cases as ‘highly skilled and irreplaceable but only 26 appeals sanctioned, rest have certificates withdrawn
- 5 casualties
 - Littleport Hart kia, Ward kia pics p8
 - Witcham King kia pic p8
 - Haddenham Russell kia pic 7th p8
- 6 appeal tribunal at Ely, few recruits for army – Prickwillow, Haddenham, Stretham, Oxlade, Adelaide, Downham, Sutton, Littleport, Aldreth
 - Wilburton patriotic sale
- 7 call-up of men aged 48 & 49
- 8 casualties pictures
 - Soham tobacco appreciated – letter – ‘Was forward with two guns in a position which for 48 hours was continuously shelled. The dug-outs were blown in, men killed and all of them suffering from fumes of bursting shells. About the only comfort was a cigarette and it was that which kept many of them going’
 - Witchford eggs for wounded – letter of thanks
 - Haddenham - Feast observed as far as possible - nothing like old times
 - Death of Henry Devine of short-lived fame, Outwell

1918 06 07

- 2 Sutton patriotic – agricultural jumble sale for war funds
- 4 farm workers’ call-up
- 5 Pansy Day record for Missions to Seamen
 - Littleport raises over £700
 - Women’s land workers badges
- 7 Downham – Friendly Society parade – then wound get to hospital
- 8 casualties
 - Downham Harrison dw pic, Jugg PoW
 - Prickwillow Bonnet kia pic 14th p8
 - Stonea Neville w
 - Soham – YMCA huts collection

1918 06 14

- 3 Witcham – patriotic jumble sale
- 5 books wanted for wounded
- 7 Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton, Witchford
- 8 casualties
 - Littleport Houghton m now PoW, Cole w pic,
 - Soham Long w pic 21st p8, Johnson PoW
 - Littleport – memorial service for soldiers Hart, Ward, Fisher, Bye

1918 06 21

- 2 appeal tribunal – Haddenham
- 3 Ely food control
 - Ely district fruit growers – bad season
 - Agricultural wages – minimum decided upon, payment of women & girls
- 4 Agricultural labourers union “new force in Isle”

- Tribunal decisions “hard but dictated by increasing urgency if need for men”
- 5 Comrades of Great War society starts, Ely
Ely urban tribunal – short exemption in nearly all cases
Poppy Day in villages – figures
Ely war funds society – interesting reports
Littleport – raise £500
- 7 Stretham – raise £221 for Red Cross
men up to 51 last call-up
- 8 casualties
Soham Martin w
Littleport Bye kia pic, Butcher mentioned despatches
Witcham Purell PoW. Purell letter from Africa thanks for money
Mepal Casbon PoW pic 28th p8
Soham Day Military Medal
Haddenham Salmons, Hephher, Ladman, Steele on leave, Setchell returns
Sutton – war savings association raises £550
Littleport – Volunteer Training Corps

1918 06 28

- 2 Newmarket rural tribunal
Wilburton church memorial window
- 7 Isle Labour party inaugural demonstration “a bloodless revolution after the war”
- 8 casualties
Littleport Day w, Butcher mentioned despatches
Mepal Norman m now PoW, Rowell m now PoW
Haddenham Benton & Peters return after leave, Smith ill pneumonia
Soham – volunteers entertainment
Wicken – entertainment for prisoners

1918 07 05

- 2 Manea & hospitals – last year’s collection doubled
- 3 Prickwillow – soldier’s award – Gooch Military Medal in playground
- 5 Ely Friendly Society council grant in aid war liabilities
- 8 casualties
Haddenham Hart m presumed d
Witchford Youngs m, brother k in 1917
Downham Martin m pic 12th p8, Cornwell – military funeral at Hull pic 12th
p8
Wicken - 25 German prisoners pass through en route to Upware where will work on the land

1918 07 12

bigger size paper but only 4 pages

- 2 Ely urban tribunal
- 3 Littleport – meat ration exceeded
appeal tribunal – Haddenham includes butchers, Stretham, Barway,
Newmarket rural tribunal
Ely Urban tribunal
Soham – Lieut Morbey wedding
Soham – county court last sitting
- 4 casualties
Downham Hopkin PoW
North Witchford food control committee
Oxlode – Baptist treat affected by war conditions
Haddenham Searle, Green, Plater on leave

1918 07 19

- 2 Ely war hospital supply depot “at home”
- 3 Ely soldier’s experiences, Italian front
Coveney – Feast benefits Red Cross and other war funds
Chatteris – bankrupt potato merchant
Newmarket rural tribunal
- 4 casualties
 - Sutton Clark m pic
 - Soham Morris wins Military Medal
 - Haddenham Wright, Newell on leave, Newman kia

1918 07 26

- 2 Sutton – Flag Day French Red Cross
- 3 Ely - Funeral Mons hero, Vail pic p4
list war pensions committee
- 4 casualties
 - Prickwillow Baulk kia pic
 - Coveney Ding memorial poem
 - Soham – volunteers at camp
 - Prickwillow – correspondent (head) moving Ely Boys School

1918 08 02

- 2 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham hotel manager refused exemption, Wicken, Upware, Soham
- 3 Isle of Ely Conservatives new association formed
- 4 casualties
 - Littleport Gouge ‘m’ is PoW pic
 - Soham Stittle ‘m’ is PoW
 - Downham Leaford w pic, Brown PoW pic
 - Sutton Constable m
 - Hundred Foot Bank Brown m
 - Stonea Mote PoW pic
 - Soham – VTC – no more drills till after harvest
 - Pymore – money for war funds
 - Adelaide – war savings
 - Montagu adopted Isle Liberal candidate

1918 08 09

- 2 Ely – war funds society fete & sports
- 3 Ely tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford
H.T. Luddington retires as National Service representative at tribunal
‘Remembrance Day’ at Ely cathedral
Ely Board of Guardians debate German POWs accommodation in workhouse during harvest operations – old Isolation Hospital thought possible. Objections – believed keeping even prisoners at arms length, sleeping for 50 could be found
- 4 Land settlement for ex-service men
casualties
 - Wentworth Young previously m was captured by Germans & now d
 - Soham Starling w, Marriott w, Pendle w & m
 - Land Settlement for ex-servicemen – important voluntary scheme
 - Wicken – day of remembrance
 - Sutton – soldiers conveyance free from Ely station
 - Downham – soldiers may have free conveyance from Walbro, paid by war funds
 - Littleport – remembrance day

Mepal – war work depot exhibition
Haddenham – remembrance day
Stretham – remembrance day

1918 08 16

- 2 absentee caught
Soham – fatal aircraft accident – crash-dived into river bank
Harvest – no more key men to be taken from land
- 3 Farmer prosecuted for neglect horses hired from War agriculture committee
Ely & district war funds – financial results etc
- 4 casualties
Soham Talbot PoW, Lawrence PoW
Thetford Dewsbury seriously wounded
Sutton Gault Constable w pic
Sutton – soldiers conveyance fund replenished

1918 08 23

- 4 casualties
Downham Fincham kia pic
Haddenham Whetstone, Coatman on leave
Manea – discharged soldiers federation established
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1918 08 30

- 3 War-time farming, arable increased by million acres
Wisbech rural tribunal
East Anglians in battle, great losses to enemy
USA – how she helped with food
Volunteer force – new regulations re exempted men
Ely rural food control committee prosecutions
- 4 casualties
Soham Gilbey kia, Ames w
Thetford Creek w pic 6th p4
Prickwillow Edwards w
Discharged soldiers Eastern Counties council

1918 09 06

- 2 “Winning through” editorial
- 3 Ely urban food control committee
- 4 casualties
Haddenham Porter RAF died flying seaplane Aegean sea
Soham Horsley w
Littleport Padgett kia pic
Downham Tingay kia pic
Prickwillow Edwards w - details

1918 09 13

- 3 March tribunal strike in protest against decisions not being given effect to
Cambridgeshire Regiment. - tribute to fallen officers
- 8 casualties
Littleport Blatch gassed pic, Porter dw
Black Horse Drove Brooks dw
Soham Gilbey kia pic, Starling medal for gallantry, Adams Military
Cross
Stretham Seymour w

Soham – PoW fund, Flying Fund have sent 600,000 cigarettes
Wicken – aeroplane descends

1918 09 20

- 2 Ely urban tribunal
new peace move
- 5 New peace move “a trick” – editorial
Ely VAD Hospital needs night orderlies
Ely lamp columns to have two coats luminous paint
- 6 Soham Clark, discharged soldier lost arm, now expert needlework
- 8 casualties
Mepal Sykes kia pic
Witchford Burrows kia pic
Sutton Haddock m pic 11th p8
Haddenham Chapman kia
Manea Larkins drowned, Sears w, Stacey w, Kirby w, Hobbs w,
Wayman gassed, Busworthy w pic 4th p8, Miller w
Littleport Brooks dw pic
Downham Porter dw pic
Stuntney Norden w pic

1918 09 27

- 3 Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton,
- 5 Capt. Coote gets DSO
Comrades of Great War, Ely post meeting
- 6 Ely urban food control committee
- 8 casualties
Soham Butcher w, Fleet sympathy letter re death pic, Clay w
Littleport Peacock PoW, previous m pic, Hazel k pic
Stretham Constable w pic 4th p8
Haddenham Burton kia pic 4th p8
Soham - war pictures shown
Coveney – soldiers conveyance

1918 10 04

- 2 Newmarket rural tribunals – Soham, Fordham cases
Ely joint Isolation Hospital – 1st annual report
- 3 Ely urban food control committee – milk to be 4d pint
- 5 “One of results of war has been a great revival in spiritualism”
wounded entertained
- 6 Cambridgeshire in battle, Cambrai
Honoured dead – memorial service Cambridge
“On a searchlight” by volunteer
- 8 casualties
Downham Royston w pic
Haddenham Handley w
Littleport Howlett w pic, Rowell kia, Coulson w
Manea Bates m pic 11th p8, Wayman dw
Soham Gunner Audus death, account funeral
Wilburton Staplehurst memorial service
Soham – needlework by disabled soldier, Clark – Connoisseur article

1918 10 11

- 5 “British breakthrough a great victory”

- Ely rural food control committee – milk prices fixed
Littleport – Fred Hiam purchases The Grange
Prickwillow – war funds £700 allocated
- 6 Germany asks for armistice
appeals tribunal
- 8 casualties
Soham Clark now d pic, Summers now d pic, Stimson w, Munns w
Littleport Butcher w, Murfitt, Sallis, Collis PoW
Thetford Howard 'm' now kia pic 18th p8, Hinkin w
Prickwillow Payne kia pic 18th p8
- 1918 10 18
- 3 Ely urban council demand unconditional surrender
5 amalgamation of Ely tribunals – urban and rural together
Newmarket RDC – Military Road bridge
6 peace terms accepted
7 Newmarket rural tribunal
8 casualties
Witchford Jugg w pic 25th p8
Littleport Butcher w, Sallis who PoW not heard form 'directly'
Wardy Hill Pedley kia pic
Haddenham Whetstone w
Isleham – prisoners help committee - £53 raised for parcels
Soham volunteers on Wednesday
- 1918 10 25
- 2 Ely urban tribunal
4 Ely war hospital supply depot get grant £300 from war funds society
5 discharged comrades whist drive
6 Ely & district war funds society allot £1,718
8 casualties
Littleport Ford kia pic
Soham Clark m, Doe w
Haddenham Whetstone news
- 1918 11 01
- 5 Ely war funds society – account of
6 A tale of Twentypence – poem by Barbara Pell
8 Littleport Grange inhabited at last- 40 soldiers billeted there, all in employ Hiam
Downham - war work depot list work 1917-18, hooliganism in streets
- 1918 11 08
- 2 discharged soldiers – federation meeting at March cinema
Newmarket rural tribunal
5 Ely Red Cross hospital presentation to commandant Mrs PUNCHARD to mark 3rd
anniversary – was opened in Silver Street in premises formerly Ely women's conservative
club, early October 1915 with 14 patients; August 1916 additional premises found at
Theological College to take more patients & Silver Street buildings subsequently closed.
War Hospital Supply Depot opened for about same period and when think of history
and money raised by flag days & Red Cross sales & large number of men who have
voluntarily enlisted Ely has done a good bit for the war
Ely guns week campaign
8 Sutton woman suicide - distressed by London air raid experience

casualties
Littleport King w pic, Jordan w
Stuntney King gazetted captain
Influenza epidemic – village reports

1918 11 15

2 'The Victors' – poem by E. Butcher, Soham
3 Reconstruction in Isle - 537 new cottages required
4 Ely war shrine service Market Square
 the end of war welcomed
5 Thanksgiving week – war bonds campaign, big effort called for
 War ending - how towns & villages rejoiced – Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport,
Downham, Soham, Wicken, Kaiser effigy burned
 Street lights lit
6 Farmers & discharged soldiers – letter from Manea
7 war pensions – work of Isle committee
8 Littleport - death Belgian refugee
 casualties
 Littleport Ward kia pic, Neal kia pic
 Sutton Cattell kia
 Mepal Pearson funeral - RAF
 Soham – peace thanksgiving
 Guns week now thanksgiving week

1918 11 22

3 thanksgiving week at Ely Cathedral
 return of prisoners – all home by Christmas
4 Fred Hiam appointed Director of Vegetable Supplies
5 King's School armistice celebration
 Downham memorial service – list names
 Thanksgiving week collection
6 Ely nonconformist thanksgiving
 Soham armistice celebration
8 Sutton Marshall military cross
 Upware Cornwell military medal
 Littleport Bowers d pneumonia
 Littleport – volunteer's funeral, Barber
 Downham – thanksgiving, Armistice celebrations

1918 11 29

3 no more prisoners parcels allowed
4 return of prisoners due, Ely
5 Ely joint tribunal suggest early release essential men
5 PoWs home
 Littleport Crabb
 Soham Steadman, Murfet, Clark
6 the housing problem – Downham letter
8 casualties
 Thetford Dewsbury kia, w pic 6th p8
 Downham Cornwell military medal pic 6th p8
 Soham Norman d hospital, funeral
 Soham – street lights lit for first time since war
 Isleham – memorial service
 Manea – thanksgiving week

1918 12 06

2 Ely recreation ground, RAF proposal commandeer it for men employed “Flying Park” in Station road, the stores distribution park ... chairman spoke of the petrol the RAF wasted - their trolleys were always going up and down the hill and at time spent by women at the Park in decorating the Corn Exchange for parties – they burnt gas until the small hours of the morning & residents had hardly enough to read their newspapers at home – meeting against

3 MP Coote returned unopposed, letter & pic p4

Ely Labour Party – meeting of local branch

5 memorials ... that will be of public utility such as libraries, public baths or cottage hospitals

memorials considered Ely St Mary & Holy Trinity

Prisoners of war home, Ely

Littleport – labourers union protest against employment of German prisoners

6 land labour position, more soldiers for the Isle of Ely

8 casualties

Soham Fleming kia, Isaacson d Eastern Military Hospital

Adelaide Lawrence d pneumonia

Sutton Gurry d gastroenteritis

Haddenham Box kia

Barway Fleming kia pic, Fleming died whilst PoW pic

Soham – PoW fund balance sheet

Littleport – names wanted for Barber’s directory list of fallen

Littleport PoWs return – Crabb, Peacock, Goodge, Cooby

Downham PoWs return – Hopkins, details treatment

Downham – address on reconstruction

1918 12 13

4 Ely council & RAF proposal – protest war memorial – Ely UDC request gun as troph7

Ely – PoWs to be feted

British memorials in Germany – photo

6 Ely war savings committee - £53,040 raised

Manea – offer discharged men a farm

8 Littleport – German PoWs 1st batch retrained station from 4.50 pm train... considerable crowd assembled. Prisoners appeared a motley party though cheerful. Several could speak English, one especially was curious to know what fate had in store. The armed escort was posted outside the station and as men detrained they fell in fours, the luggage wagon bringing up the rear & marched to The Grange

casualties

Soham Isaacson d Cambridge hospital

Mepal Palmer kia

Stonea Lavett w

Haddenham Peters military medal; Wright promoted captain

Sutton Pte Gurry & Cattle memorial service

Sutton – roll of honour contains 28 names; conveyance fund – Drake takes over PoWs return

Soham Brown, Steadman, Wells, Murfitt, Seal, Pollard, Talbot, Lawrence, Norman, Clark; several more due soon

Haddenham Whetstone

Stretham – Labourer’s union

Downham – labourers union

Upware – ferry, Newmarket RDC consider how to restart

1918 12 20

- 2 Education committee appeal for soldiers from army - worst attendance on record
- 3 Isle war agricultural committee meeting to form W.I.s
- 5 Ely Board Guardians – old Infectious Diseases Hospital used for 32 German PoWs working on land
- 8 casualties
 - Littleport Grainger kia
 - Manea Sears DSO
 - Wilburton – soldiers Christmas gifts sent to 45 men
 - Littleport – Comrades of Great War meeting, debate welcome PoWs
 - Haddenham – war work, attendance not so large – need garments in hospitals for some time
- PoWs return
 - Manea Sears, Marshall, Stacey, Mason

- 1918 12 27
- 3 Topical cartoons - aircraft, soldiers returning with wives, end of rationing
- 5 German PoWs, Ely - 50 due, note employment Haddenham & Ely
- Littleport – war memorial meeting, church clock with Cambridge chimes
- 8 casualties
 - Soham Mason d, Covel Military Medal pic
 - March soldiers experience as PoW
 - Downham drainage work by 40 German PoWs, people visit

Ely Standard 1919

1919 01 03

- 5 Ely lights at last – on Christmas Eve 20 street lights on for first time since 1915; city ‘darkest place in England’
 - RAF dance
- 6 Ely Cathedral memorial service ‘Price of Victory’, nearly 6 million killed
- 7 demobilisation difficulties
- 8 casualties
 - Soham Martin d pic
 - Sutton Gimbert Military Medal
- Threatened strike of farm labourers
- Ely RDC housing committee – parishes requirements
- Littleport – returned soldiers entertained – 100 men
- Haddenham Gifford only soldier home for Christmas
- Witchford Jugg home after 4 years PoW Germany. Barber home after 5 years PoW Germany
- Witchford – war memorial tablet to be placed in church

1919 01 10

- 2 last ration books – no more printed
- 4 Ely concert disabled soldiers, Johnson Military Medal d France
- 5 Ely urban council consider war memorial
 - Soham – comforts for soldiers – send Xmas parcels, memorial to call meeting
 - PoWs repatriated
 - Soham McPherson, Talbot, Murfit, Clark, Brown, Seal, Reeve
 - Witchford Barber
 - Littleport Cragg, West, Mitson
- 6 surplus army horses sale, Cambridge
- 7 Isle Territorial Association, suspension of regulations
- 8 Farmers federation formed, Ely
 - Honours
 - Littleport Heygate MC, Croix de Guerre
 - Sutton Gimbert MM pic
 - Soham – returned PoWs - long list, military wedding
 - Downham – PoWs return Hull, Lee, Taylor
 - Littleport – PoWs thank for parcels
 - Mepal – PoWs, 2 of 4 returned – Norman, Constable, details
 - Chatteris –
 - Farm labourers strike
 - Littleport – soldier refused work as farmer had German PoWs – letter
 - Upware ferry disused 2-3 years, try reinstate

1919 01 17

- 4 Ely Trinity war memorial meeting
 - Schools collection war activities
- 5 Isle PoWs entertained – 800 at reception Cambridge
 - Ely – RAF dance
 - Ely St Mary – stained glass memorial proposed
 - Littleport – 50 new homes wanted, war trophies sought
- 6 Farm labourers demobilisation – how farmers apply
 - Chatteris – ‘What we fought for’ address
- 7 demobilisation explained
- 8 farm workers minimum wage

PoWs return
Soham Lawrence, Isaacson
Witcham Sykes
Littleport King, Elsegood, Brooks,
Downham Miller; now all home bar one - Peacock
Wilburton Warren home after 4 years PoW, PC Logan now home from war
Haddenham Clark, Thaxter, Wilford visited weekend
Littleport Wilson awarded Military Medal pic 23rd p3
Sutton Hensby 'm' March now kia, memorial
Haddenham – war savings now £405
Coveney, Haddenham Plough Monday never passed un-noticed

1919 01 24

4 Ely UDC war memorial – letter
5 Littleport Mawby OBE, Hall PoW
 Chatteris – labourers strike end, March discontent
7 Manea – memorial letter, discontent
8 Soham Canham PoW return
 Littleport Cox PoW
 Littleport – St Matthew's church, White memorial
 Pymore – soldiers 'Victory' tea
 Downham – returned soldiers entertained

1919 01 31

4 Ely Comrades of War 1st annual meeting
5 Ely returned PoWs feted
 Soham – Flying Fund success, returned PoWs entertained
6 Ely engineer killed by detonation of Austrian shell – souvenir
7 Manea – war memorial letter
8 Soham Ray sends pc - 'well'
 Downham – land for houses, war memorial meeting
 Littleport – PoWs all returned, last Hall; Red Cross & PoW fund allocate balance fund
 Witcham Sykes PoW, now all back, others Saberton, Purell
 Haddenham – war work will discontinue in few weeks

1919 02 07

4 Ely Trinity memorial meeting
 Littleport PoW camp – sergeant summoned for cycling offence
 Memorials – views sought
6 war savings, 1918 subscriptions
7 Territorial Army proposed disbandment volunteer corps
 war trophies distribution – list
8 Littleport Red Cross – PoW fund discuss balance; proposals: equal shares, cottage for dependants, distributed to those who lost limbs, widows; form committee
 Haddenham Mullinger medal
 Upware ferry 'might be re-established in future'

1919 02 14

5 port available without coupons
 Ely Holy Trinity memorial
 Littleport – theatrical licence applied for Cinema Hall
 Downham – suggested light railway to Pymore sidings, county council discuss
8 Soham demobilisation – Pollard after RAF, Butcher OBE; comrades of Great War branch needed
 Downham - Labourers' union meeting

1919 02 21

- 2 Labour Party formed for Ely
- 5 Manea discharged soldiers federation meeting
Ely war pensions committee; victory whist drive; Wesleyans war memorial meeting;
Ely war savings committee dissolved
- 8 commanding Cambridgeshire Regiment – Clayton – article & pic
Soham local volunteer corps to return rifles

1919 02 28

- 5 Ely memorial meeting; War hospital supply depot closes workrooms, formed 1915
Floods – banks burst near Thetford
- 6 army huts for sale
- 8 serious floods at Sutton
Haddenham war work final meeting – 1,636 yards material & 212 lb wool worked up;
income £164.14.6; remainder provide supper returned soldiers
Adelaide Lawrence death at Newark
Littleport – floods
Downham memorial committee & club house
Sutton war hospital supply depot closed after 3½ years; opened Nov 1915, 6490 swabs,
bandages etc made, 410 pyjamas & shirts, 519 hospital bags; also bought surgical chair, sent
1st Eastern General Hospital; food parcels sent PoWs & money granted
Wicken – old-time notes 1848 (also previous, not indexed)

1919 03 07

- 3 Ely suggested memorial club – letter
- 5 comments on what offered as trophies
‘not much progress over war memorials’
Prickwillow tolls – consider moving from bridge, provided make hard road
- 8 Ely memorial public meeting
Littleport memorial fund nearly £200
Witchford memorial brass in church proposed

1919 03 14

- 8 Soham comrades of war – vicar’s address
Downham memorial meeting
Pymore – new road to Oxlode proposed

1919 03 21

- 3 Cambridgeshire Regiment official reception on return from France considered
poem ‘Girls of the old Brigade’ by Wraf
- 7 Stretham – war working party ends
Witchford – memorial wording – shield with 12 names
Haddenham – memorial meeting – blue marl or slate proposed

1919 03 28

- 8 Downham – Comrades of Gt War meet – total now 47; memorial

1919 04 04

- 5 Prickwillow toll moving – compensation proposed, declined
- 8 Downham – Miss Aspland’s record of knitting; war memorial public meeting

1913 04 11

- 8 Soham – d Phillips, former soldier; flying fund appreciated
Prickwillow – minister’s experience with forces

Downham – ‘comforts’ helpers thanked

1919 04 18

- 3 ‘In Memoriam’ poem in connection war memorial Ely Cathedral
- 5 Ely – Serbian film, shows destitute refugees; Comrades of Gt War
Soham – memorial proposed
Soham lock-up to be demolished – details, proposed 1899
- 7 Ely St Mary’s memorial – artist’s design approved
- 8 Soham – Baptist church presented with vase in memory late Lieut Aspland
Littleport – Chapman reported killed, ‘missing’ a year ago
Soham new Cinema Hall opened – was known as Jubilee Hall, transformed raised floor
& tip-up seats, accommodate 180 people

1919 04 25

- 6 Cambridgeshire military units – fine record of last years fighting
- 8 Soham – Fuller medal
Haddenham – welcome home party local sailors & soldiers – 100 invited, 80 attended
Sutton – war savings association to be discontinued

1919 05 02

- 5 Ely absentee arrested
Red Cross Hospital opened 8 Oct 1915, closed May 1919; 1,117 patients admitted, some there many months; last 24 left by train & ambulance for Cambridge. The removal of the hospital in May 1917 from small house in Silver Street to Theological College was most welcome change to patients and staff. Building quite adaptable & grounds used for games & exercise. Commandant thanks helpers. Gifts of food 1918 £143 14 2d. Thanks Mr Cass – met patients at station in motor car. Last entertainment, staff present, good time. Thanks to Archie Denstone for messenger & kitchen helpers named
- 7 war memorials for Cambridgeshire & Isle – meetings
YMCA proposed rest houses
- 8 Soham – Belgian refugee fund wound up – balance. All refugees accommodated in Soham left with exception of Mrs Woutes & two children. Ladies to clear house of all furniture, returning it to donors or sell for benefit Nursing Association. Clark & Butcher loaned one of cottages for three years & supplied family with bread & flour until allowance granted. Mrs Woutes now left Soham
Littleport war comrades meeting
Downham – war work sub-committee tea – 65 sat down; knitted 2,512 garments, needlework 5,360, been great success

1919 05 09

- 5 Ely UDC discuss peace celebrations; a field gun allotted as memento, perhaps beside cannon
Ely Red Cross Hospital closing. Commandant Mrs Punchards thanks matron. 31 members, Cambridgeshire 48 etc
- 8 Downham memorial seek tender
Littleport – memorial hope clock soon installed, estimates tablet
Soham Comrades concert – Morbey speech
Wicken memorial considered informally
Ely public room apply cinema licence

1919 05 16

- 2 Cambridgeshire war trophies – Wisbech get tank & gun to Cambridge, Ely etc
- 3 Addenbrooke's Hospital ‘to be expanded as county war memorial’
- 5 Ely rural food control committee work drawing to an end
boy killed by shell, playing with fuse, souvenir, in Cambridge

- 6 soldiers on the land – 20% to remain
- 8 Soham flying fund social function, 1 million cigarettes sent – details of project
Soham – memorial proposed: public hall & institute, four memorial cottages, electric power station

1919 05 23

- 5 Ely men now presumed kia
- 8 Littleport – brass memorial tabled St Matthew's church unveiled – names
return of Cambridgeshire Regiment – enthusiastic scenes Cambridge
Soham floods – dangerous condition river, public protest meeting

1919 05 30

- 3 'Glorious Cambridgeshire' – significant record of service at front
- 4 advert sales aerodrome equipment etc Wyton, Bury
- 6 Littleport – discuss peace celebrations
- 8 March VAD nurses – picture & names
Littleport memorial – bronze decided
Aldreth feast – no swings, stalls etc to interest youngsters because feasts elsewhere, was cricket match

1919 06 06

- 3 Ely wounded – cottage hospital suggested; peace celebrations
war pensions charge – alleged fraud on Ely committee
- 5 Ely band, City of Ely, proposed rename 'Comrades of War' band; instruments bought from militia, war ended activities, disbanded July 1915. Are they to start again?
Ely comrades clubroom opened at White Hart – 174 comrades, war honours awarded Ely – R & E King, having been demobilised, reopen butcher's shop Fore Hill
Ely & district General War Fund Society – minute book lost
Downham Old English fair – picturesque scenes
- 7 Captain Coote on army life
Soham – memorial public meeting, tablet, recreation ground with pavilion, building with Roll of Honour, ambulance, tower 10 high, Red Lion
Watson – medal DCM – details action
Isleham – memorial dedication, including tablet for church
Huntingdon – Kermode welcomes US sea plane
Wilburton memorial – Pell's offer of St Peter's Hall has had to be refused as offer limited to lease of seven years. Decide public monument on village green

1919 06 13

- 5 Ely war funds society wound up – committee of Ely War Hospital supply depot had offered to return 2/3 of £300 grant society had given depot & offer accepted. Received tricycle & ward chairs which given Red Cross Hospital, agreed. Tricycle had been used three months by Downham soldier who had come to Ely for electrical treatment & then handed over Committee Ely Dispensary. Ward chair presented Addenbrooke's Hospital but thought to use locally. Hope scheme Cottage Hospital war memorial materialises
Ely Comrades of Great War Band general meeting – all old City Band (bar one). Joined colours, returned men wanted to restart & called Ely Comrades Band
- 6 VC Cockerel owner found with wife shot at Cambridge – Frank Fyson, 51 & wife, 24, found on Christ's Pieces. One wounded in head, other in neck with revolver. Sat on seat, witness heard shot, saw Mrs Fyson throw up arms and rise from seat, apparently to run away & saw Mr Fyson fire two shots & afterwards throw revolver away & fall on knees. Taken Addenbrooke's Hospital. VC Cockerel raised £10,000 British Red Cross Society, put up for auction many times. First wife died two years ago, married four months ago. Both expected recover

- 7 Cambridgeshire Regiment war record
- 8 Cambridge – officer tarred & feathered
Littleport – comrades annual general meeting; Peace celebrations meeting
Coveney – soldiers welcome home dinner
Chettisham church windows dedicated

1919 06 20

- 5 Ely – Moden presumed kia
- 6 war pension charge – three months imprisonment
- 8 Oxloode memorial hall gate

1919 06 27

- 4 Wyton & Upwood airfields - sale materials
- 5 Ely Comrades meeting – 200 members
- 8 Ely War Hospital Supply Depot – fine record – conclusion. First worked in cottage lent by Theological College, then use of Gallery in the Palace; supplied 27 hospitals & casualty clearing stations. Opened Oct 25 1915, closed Feb 1919. Sub-depot & working parties at Downham, Sutton, Stretham, Wentworth, Wilburton, Longstanton & Pampisford. 7,548 articles despatched to British troops, 70,143 to British sick, 10,028 to allied countries. Sent to France, Belgium, Lancs, Newcastle etc. Total subscriptions £1,211 14 6d, cost running dept £123 1 2d.
Haddenham – train service back to normal after war
Littleport ‘patronise ex-soldiers’ (Whetstone Bros) recently demobilised open Globe Lane, repair cars etc
Prickwillow – children’s victory party
Soham – memorial – apply memorial Cross Green
Prickwillow water supply, how make river water harmless

1919 07 04

- 5 News of peace treaty signing – no spontaneous outbursts in Ely, display of flags only outward manifestation. Citizens rejoiced in spirit of reverence. Now and again flag-bedecked motor cars & more animation in streets at night. 8.23 when flag run up on Cathedral tower, mention at divine services
memorial service GER man, Ely cathedral planned
- 6 Peace Treaty Versailles
- 8 Downham – memorial meeting – tenders for building, propose buy Army hut
Sutton – Peace signing – flags, procession, service; cricket – demobilised soldiers & sailors v rest
Littleport – Peace signing – flags, church bells, evening bonfire, continued Monday

1919 07 11

- 3 soldiers welcome home – county reception not practical – hope for local celebrations
- 5 GER memorial service
Ely peace celebrations – to be dinner
Sutton peace celebrations – assault
Littleport PoW camp – Pte William Ong summoned indecent language – had been PoW in Germany two years & not back in country very long, given drink
Ely war memorial committee recommend cottage hospital
- 6 Ely peace celebrations – school children feted, dinner demobilised soldiers
- 7 Ely peace thanksgiving service Cathedral – 4,000 attend
VC cockerel owned Frank Fyson sold by auction; bought by G.A. Wootton, defending Fyson, for £100
Ramsey oil wells – 3,000 gallons due leaking tanks many years
- 8 203 Field Company Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association

Littleport – peace celebrations & united service Highfield
Haddenham – peace thanksgiving service – announcement of peace – Messrs Drake’s engine hoots at Sutton & church bells, young on green with fireworks; Sunday bells & united service

Soham – Peace plans, peace thanksgiving service

Wicken – death Pte Fred Bailey in France

Sutton – peace plans

1919 07 18

3 Ely peace plans

4 Upwood airfield sale materials

7 GER memorial service Ely

8 Ely Guardians peace celebrations; volunteers can have uniform free

Sutton peace plans

Wicken peace plans

Prickwillow peace plans

Haddenham peace plans

1919 07 25

3 Wimblington war memorial – photo of proposed memorial

6 peace celebrations

Manea – procession, dinner, sports, tea, concert

Mepal – tea, sports, procession, fireworks

7 Prickwillow – triumphal arch, tea, sports, fireworks

Sutton – jazz band, decorated car, cycles etc, procession, sports, teas, each child got beaker

Downham – dinner soldiers, tea, fancy dress cricket match, tea, sports

Witchford – cricket, tea, sports

Wentworth – cricket, bicycle handicap, fireworks, social

Soham – jazz band, cricket, dinner, lunch, sports, tea, fireworks

Burnt Fen – tea 100 children, 200 adults dinner, sports, cricket

Haddenham – service on green, Hinton Hall fields tea, sports, bonfire

Aldreth – tea, service, sports, fireworks

Hill Row – 2 triumphal arches, tea, sports, fireworks

Wicken – sports, tea, band concert

8 Ely celebrations – ½ mile procession

Littleport – flags, child’s entertainment, sports, tea, fireworks

Thetford – somewhat late decision, good day – cricket, tea, sports – too long so finished

Tuesday, dancing

Downham St Owens – remote part of parish, cricket, tea, fireworks, dancing

Isleham – bells, sports, tea, band concert, fireworks

Littleport – peace tea Hope Bros employees

1919 08 01

5 Ely roll of honour – another name to be added

7 Isle war pensions - £6,000 expended in three months

8 Witchford – peace – jazz, procession, cricket, tea, songs

Sutton – Comrades of Gt War formed, memorial service fallen held, 60-70 parade

Soham – V.T.C. funds, ‘what happened to £50?’

1919 08 08

5 Ely Comrades meeting

8 Wisbech tank unloaded – much criticised

Pymore peace celebration meet balance accounts – another tea & sports

Manea – ladies war committee, 269 mufflers etc

Hill Row memorial service in Mission Room, church memorial unveiled – names

1919 08 15

- 4 disposal stores dept Ministry munitions, St Ives
Upwood airfield equipment disposed
- 5 Ely hospital – matron thanked
- 8 Prickwillow ex-soldier dinner
Littleport – meet re balance Red Cross / Prisoners fund. Soldiers dinner – 300
Sutton – peace celebrations wound up

1919 08 22

- 3 Ely peace celebrations – substantial balance – buy peace medals children
- 5 Littleport – German PoWs withdrawal from farm work demanded – introduced at end last year, then 30-40 but later increased to 100, justification passed, Coote met Winston Churchill but continued. Labourers' Union letter 'serious trouble brewing', mass meeting called, 700 assembled
- 8 Downham – memorial meeting – unsuccessful re hut purchase, officers staff hut offered for £440, considered suitable – to bring by motor lorry
Littleport – ex-soldiers welcome home – 27 dinner, Red Cross committee surplus – long account

1919 08 29

- 5 Littleport – German PoWs withdrawn from fens (not drainage) for week – long report
Ely – street lights still out
- 8 Littleport – Red Cross meeting re £472 surplus
Stretham Comrades Peach celebrations – their own
Isleham – ex soldiers dinner – 120

1919 09 05

- 5 Ely – P. Carman, showing smith resumes after demob; still entire absence lights
- 8 Soham – memorial monument & recreation ground decided upon
Littleport – memorial clock being made
Littleport – German prisoners – 11 sent away, remainder withdrawn from work, confident camp cleared soon
Cambridgeshire soldiers fell at Nurle re-interred – names
Wicken account 1814 Peace Festival

1919 09 12

- 3 Sutton – memorial committee not yet reported
Haddenham – memorial, very little done
- 6 war memorials – what villages doing – position today
Ely
Soham – difficulties over site recreation ground, bronze figure with reversed arms, site sought, Court House purchased for Comrades of War
Wicken – nothing done
Coveney – nothing done
Stretham – brass tablet suggested
Downham – men's club & reading room, have officers large hut from Cambridge, site Main Street
Isleham – no meeting, fund for tablet church
- 8 Littleport war workers – report on activities
Soham – PoW fund final balance sheet – receipts, balance for memorial
Prickwillow water supply – engineer's report
Wicken – 'gleaning obsolete for many years here'

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- 3 Soham – peace celebration balance sheet
- 5 Ely – 2 lamps lighted Waterside, why not others?
- 8 Haddenham – street lights last used three years ago, in deplorable condition
Downham memorial committee – paying for hut, to collect this week

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- 5 Ely – Broad Street lights – surprise
- 6 Ely RAF football team
- 7 Ely – is cottage hospital proposal dead?
- 8 Sutton Comrades seek homes with two acres land each, Littleport, Wilburton

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- 5 Ely memorial cottage hospital proposed, Comrades favour swimming pool
- 6 railway strike – transport paralysed, fight between Government & Unions,
rations cut down
- 8 rail strike – Ely affected
Soham – memorial site chose, Cross Green proposed, 2/3 majority
Downham – memorial meeting

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- 5 strike scenes at March station – photos
- 3 Ely women’s conservative club restarts – premises used as hospital & for billeting
- 5 Ely choirboys seek memorial old boys – names
- 6 Women’s Land Army disbands, work done & distinctions conferred
March rail men celebrate end strike
- 7 strike settled – terms
- 8 Littleport affected by strike
Prickwillow affected by strike
Witchford – memorial tablet unveiled, south wall nave

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- 3 Territorial Association – request for addition of ‘Cambridgeshire’ to Suffolk Regiment
- 4 Ely comrades now meet Boys club room, Victoria St -350 joined
- 6 Cambridgeshire Prisoners fund – disposal balances
- 8 Soham – memorial site Cross Green discussed by RDC
Haddenham – memorial public meeting, decide design
Wilburton military medal – Morton
Wicken – soldiers entertained, 50 at dinner

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- 3 Roll of honour – dead in towns & villages include Mepal, Manea
Parson Drove – memorial unveiled, obelisk
- 5 wedding of clerk at RAF stores distribution park, Ely
- 6 Soham – fen drovers ‘What Germans were doing up the Block Drove’
deplorable state fen drover Soham & Isleham, coffin had in cart
- 8 Wicken – German prisoners who have been staying at Five-Miles house Upware left on
Tuesday week for Soham station
Isleham – Old Comrades association may get own building
Abolition of parish constables – no more appointed; rescind resolution of Quarter

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- 3 Cambridgeshire Regiment reunion diner – presentation of medals

- 5 Littleport headmistress retires- Fendick - photo
- 6 Discharged soldiers comforts
- 8 Downham – memorial trustee meeting – details terms of building
Soham – Peace celebrations medals presented scholars – not ready in time, aluminium with red, white & blue ribbon & safety pin

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- 4 Ely street lights finally lit
- 5 ‘Is Ely to have war memorial’ – public to decide, cottage hospital scheme abandoned
- 6 Isle War Pensions Committee – discuss buildings adaptable for training purposes. Most promising two hospitals at Cambridge. One Barnwell erected for 780 patients, other Cherry Hinton for 800, each complete accommodation residential staff - Barnwell 1,000, Cherry Hinton 1,110. Buildings commodious, well planned & well provided with first class roads, drainage done. Both used for venereal cases but practically vacated & notices could be put up re new use; men would not go to buildings associated with VD. Barnwell temporarily occupied by 80 general cases from 1st Eastern General Hospital while few VD cases being treated
- 8 Haddenham – memorial, decide all names inscribed unless definite objections – result of survey by vicar – arranged as order of roll of honour. Erect on green near signpost, seek subscriptions
 - Soham – Pollard Military Medal
 - Littleport – war memorial clock now going & heard all round fen
 - Stretham – lance-corporal Dimock now ‘kia’, was ‘m’ – pic

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- 5 County war memorials - £5,000 subscribed
 - Ely memorial – ‘not much enthusiast for suggested list of names in cathedral’; war shrine – amongst wreaths one from Co-op, other Comrades; memorial public meeting to be called
 - Armistice Day anniversary Ely – assembled Market Hill war shrine, service
 - Belgian refugee fund – balance sheet
- 8 Armistice
 - Soham – most businesses observed two minutes silence, schools sung anthem; V.T.C accounts submitted – balance to memorial fund
 - Stretham memorial meeting – Granite monument; Mons hero weds
 - Prickwillow – memorial – meeting object to church war memorial, prefer parish war memorial seeing that most parish had asked to subscribe but expectations not materialised. Evident nonconformist feeling against word ‘Church’. Vicar held that church people justified in putting up memorial in church & up to other denominations to do same if desired. Decide public meeting

1919 11 21

- 2 Ministry of Labour reject scheme training ex-soldiers at Barnwell & Cherry Hinton hospitals – only objection seems to be use to which buildings were put but medical evidence that no risk of infection. Scheme provided for large training centre for whole of East Anglia by uniting two hospitals provide for training 1,500 men in building & engineering & boot-making, watch repairing, tailoring, cabinet-making etc. Now rejected
- 3 demobilisation – those volunteered before 1st July 1914 demobbed by 1st November 1919; those afterwards by 1st Feb 1920. Other than volunteers demobilised March 1920, remainder April 1920
- 5 Ely RAF dance
 - Comrades awarded German trophy in shape of machine gun which waiting collection at Cambridge station. Ask RAF to collect. Col Archer also gets machine gun as Commander of a Battalion in war
 - Ely comrades church parade

6 welcome to cadre of Cambridgeshire Battalion – a fine record of war service; march from station to Lion Hotel – details service

8 Ely – Belgian refugees – history of their stay – committee wound up; started as branch of Ely war funds committee in 1914. Accommodation offered in Bouchers rooms over his shop in High Street & house in Silver Street, later Clare Villa & Limes. Selected refugees from wounded officers in London. Ladies committee active, one lady in charge of each house, store started for gifts including clocks. First refugees three young women, October 1914, under control organisation in St Mary's parish, stayed at house in Deacons Lane. By Dec 16 refugees & by January up to 27. Found work for able-bodied as 'guest' status impractical and all able-bodied became self-supporting. Children educated Kings School, Silver Street School, Needhams & Girls High School – 8 boys & 4 girls sent & language difficulties overcome. One boy became Head Boy at Needhams. By spring 1915 store unnecessary as Refugees manage own purchases, so close & make grants instead, weekly subscriptions given up. April 1915 St Mary's organisation ceased and refugees passed to committee. Mme Paternostre & son & daughter transferred from Palace to Mr Bowsher's home, Lynn Road & after five months went to Glasgow. During 1915 36 fresh refugees arrived, 39 left & gave up Silver Street house. 1916 last arrivals – 3 – and 9 departures. Mad. Hanssens & the Hertsens left 1917 to Stetchworth so moved Mme Vermocken from Bouchers rooms in High Street to Clare Villa but as rent went up moved again to house lent by Mr Bidwell. Vermocken & Sustens remained in Ely till March last year when able return to own country. Total refugees 53, others provided privately bring total to 60. Thank helpers

Soham – two gentlemen purchase Court House for Comrades

Littleport – memorial tablet fixed interior parish church in memory Taylor KIA 1918

Ely profiteering committee – RAD men claim overcharged at Minster Hotel – dismissed

1918 11 28

8 Ely memorial – suggestions in letter include new corn hall, fire station etc on Club Hotel site

Soham Comrades Hall reopening; military medal West; flying fund now collects for nurse's bike

Isle Police Force changes – promotions etc - pic

1918 12 05

3 Ely memorial meeting – Comrades club preferred to a monument, decision not unanimous – long account

smallholders – talk to ex-soldiers, 14,000 acres acquired in three counties, 1152 ex-servicemen would be provided for this Michaelmas. Farmers had to be displaced to get land for ex-servicemen & did not like it; process quicker under new Land Settlement Act. In Isle 1275 has applied for 15,312 acres, 799 approved for 9,027 acres so far. More had applied in Isle than any other county. Details Wisbech area

6 Womens Land Army farewell rally, London

7 Downham – new rector - Stallard

8 Haddenham – Aldreth – Gifford party celebrate safe return five sons from war spiritualism & orthodox religion

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5 talk on experiences PoWs

Ely Comrades discuss Cambridgeshire Regiment memorial

7 County war memorial 'hanging fire financially', every village should have committee

8 Soham war memorial site refused by Newmarket RDC – Cross Green would obstruct highway

Haddenham church memorial collection started as public memorial; subscriptions flow in. Want new reredos & memorial tablet

1919 12 19

3 Territorial Association receipt German guns – three more

7 Special constables thanked – 150 men. Started 1914 – bridge watching first duty, very tiring especially when went Stonea on rough nights, hut supplied. Later when zeppelins came question of calling had to be considered & March scouts undertook that duty – to call special constables, lady emergency nurses & ambulance men which took them all over town on dark nights. Signals given on engine whistle when all clear & wanted specials in. Quite a number of aircraft landings from engine trouble but in a few cases it was very suspicious of being girl trouble

8 Littleport – Mawby gets MBE

1919 12 26

1 Honour Fallen – whole-page advert re war memorial & Hospital monument in Ely Cathedral; names

8 Downham – memorial meeting, offer £40 for carpet, whole of hut now arrived in parts at destination in Main Street