

Ely & Downham Market 2015!



An Illustrated Calendar by Andy Scordellis



January 2015

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Downham Market's Signal Box is one of England's twenty six rarest and best preserved grade II-listed signal boxes, some of which have their origins in the Victorian era! Downham's own box dates back to 1883 and is built of wooden blocks cut to resemble stone. In an effort to preserve the traditions of trains and railways ~ particularly the 'Golden Age of Steam' ~ Network Rail has joined forces with English Heritage to seek out the best examples of the 500 or so remaining signal boxes in use.

Bon Voyage!



Denver coal train running...



February 2015

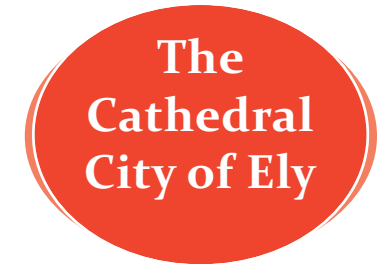
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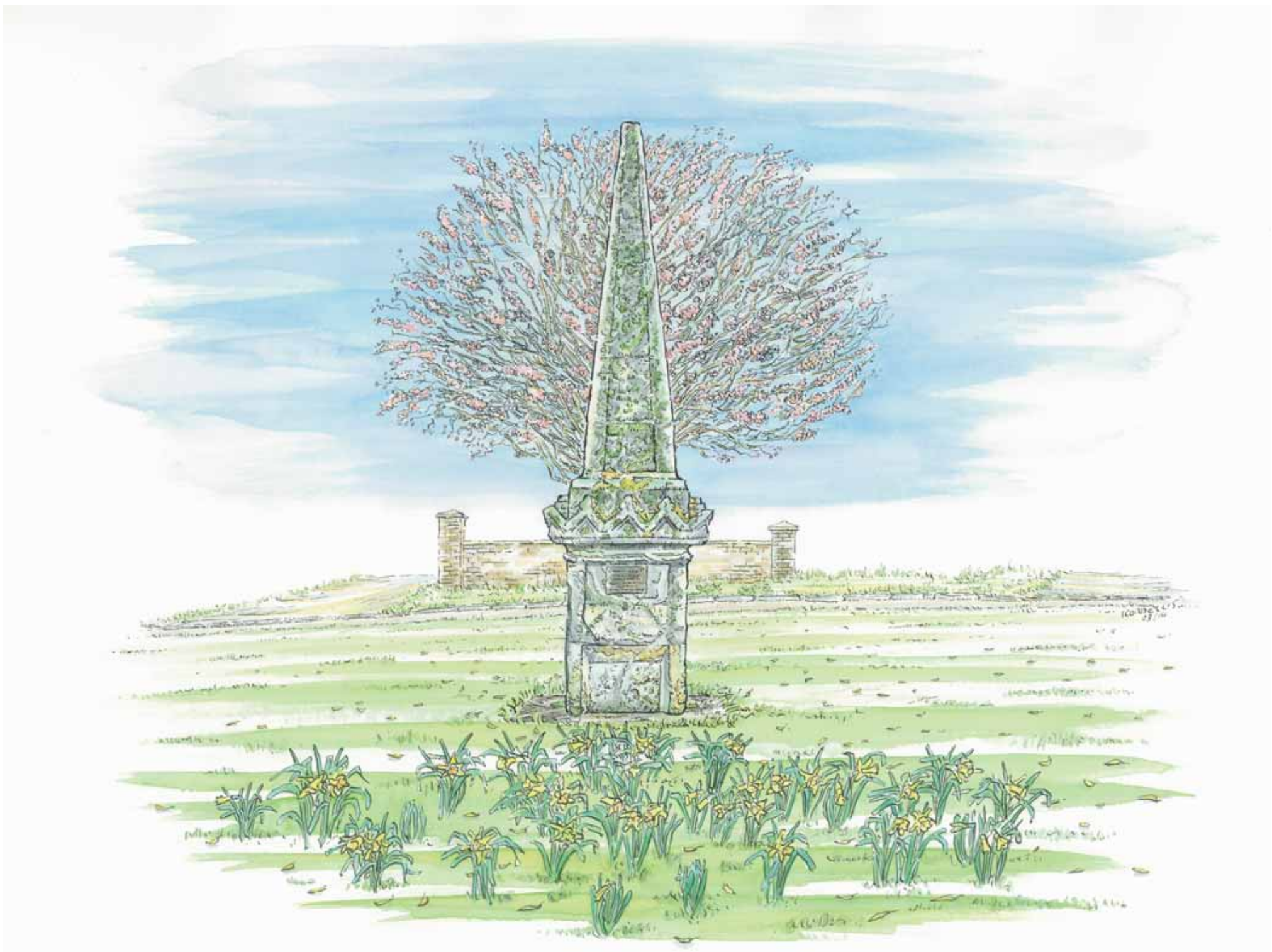
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...was known also as the Isle of Ely, being an island in the historically marshy fens, which were rich in eels. It is widely held that in the 11th century citizens are said to have walked around on stilts, or alternatively used boats to navigate the Fens, mindful of safe routes to avoid drowning. The monks of the town are said to have employed eels as payment toward the King's taxes. The city of Ely was a significant port on the River Great Ouse until the draining of the Fens in the 18th century spelt the end of it's existence as an island. No visit to Ely would be complete without a visit to what is considered to be one of the seven wonders of the medieval world - Ely Cathedral!



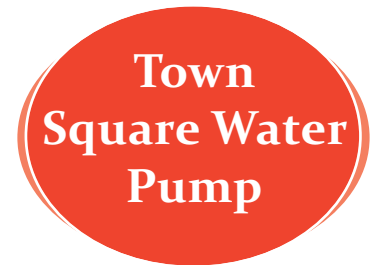


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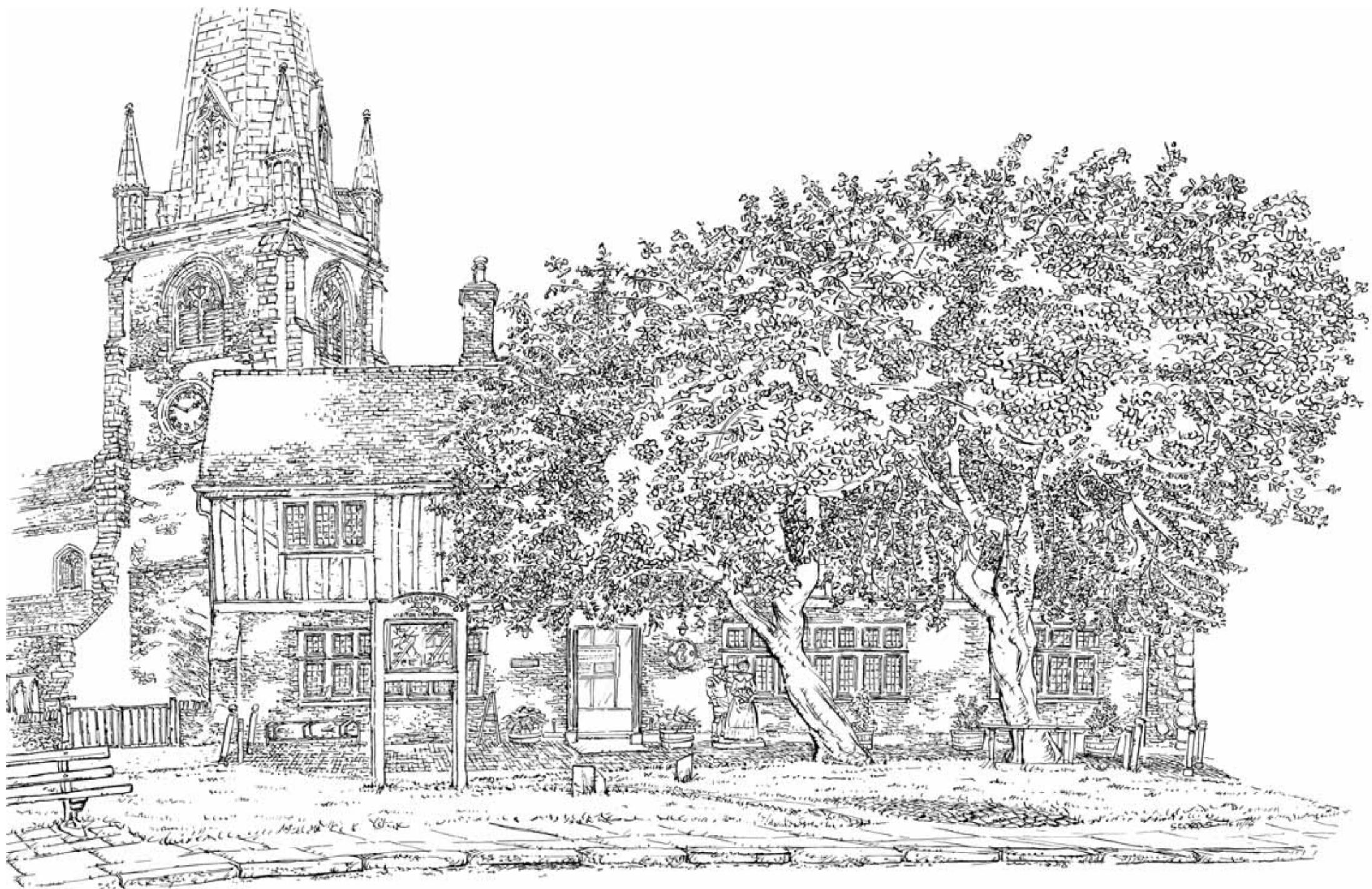
The old Downham Town Pump was situated in the Downham Market square adjacent to the clocktower, and provided a steady flow of water for it's citizens. In 1935 the water pump was moved to it's present location on the Howdale. It's modern incarnation on the market square reflects an almost identical design and is constructed from contemporary materials. The old pump - once surrounded by the Clocktower, the Town Hall, the Swan public house, and the Crown Hotel - now shares the Howdale with rolling lawns, springtime daffodils and cherry blossom trees...



April

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Dragon ships in Downham Market's Water Festival...



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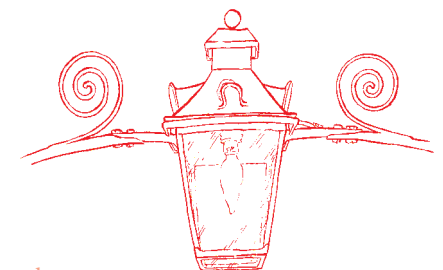
Oliver Cromwell's House

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Oliver Cromwell's House - built in the early 13th century and home for ten years from 1636 to Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the Realm - his only remaining home apart from Hampton Court in London. Situated beside St Mary's Church, the house had been used as 'The Cromwell Arms' Inn from 1843 to 1869 and is now home to the Ely Tourist Information Centre. It has eight period rooms refurbished and decorated to show how they may have looked in Cromwell's lifetime. A tour of the house includes the kitchen, the study, and the infamous haunted bedroom of the man who was not only King in all but name - but who also banned Christmas!

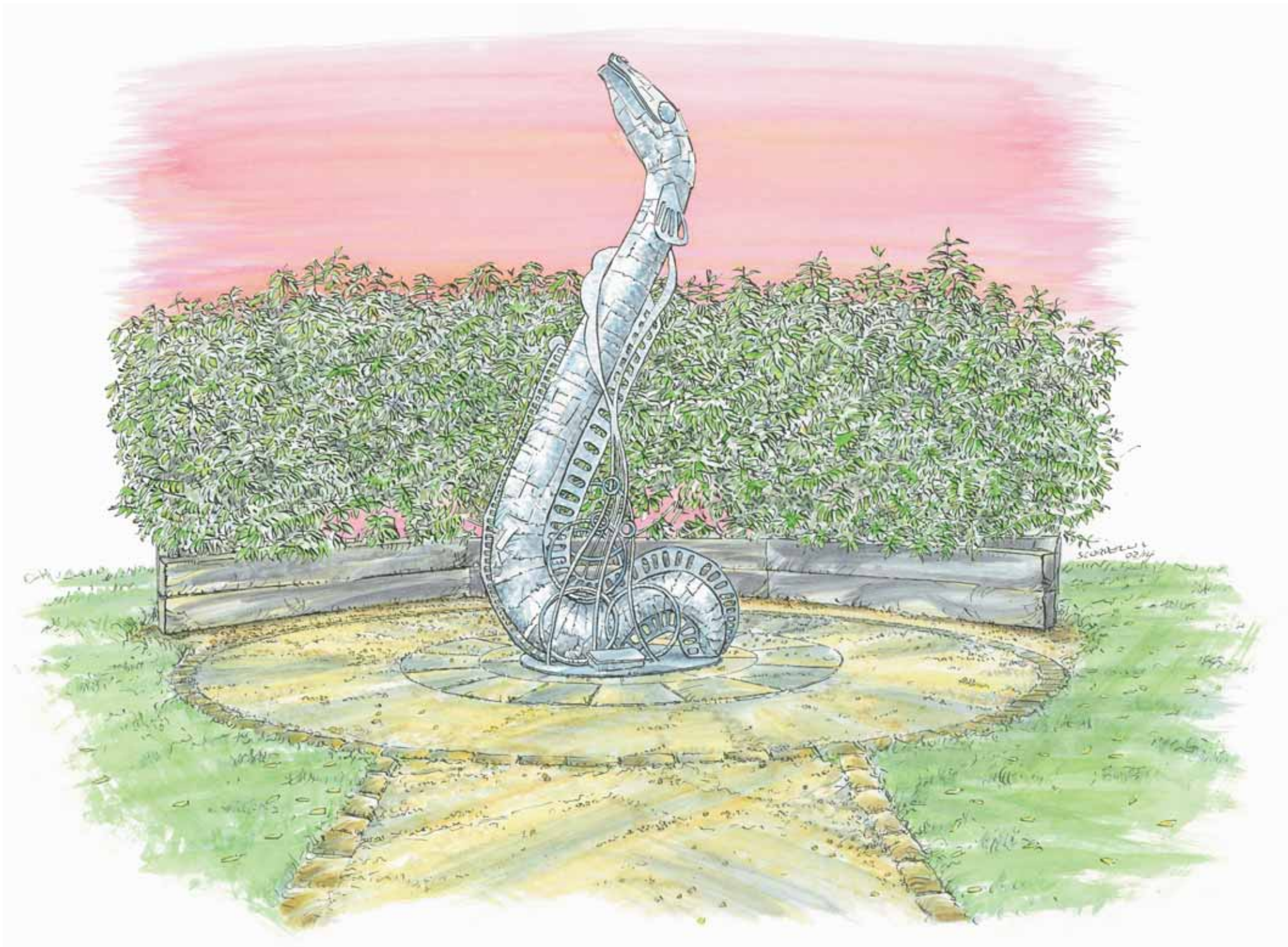
To step into the past or to discover the present in Ely - call 01353 662062.



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St Mary's Church lantern atop the gate...



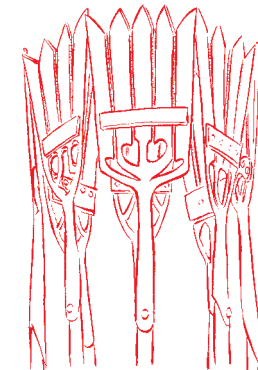
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Jubilee Garden's Eel Sculpture

In 2005 sculptor Peter Baker was commissioned by the Rotary Club of Ely to commemorate the centenary of Rotary International by creating his memorable steel eel sculpture, residing in the Jubilee Gardens which wind their way from Ely Park at Broad Street to Waterside. Every Saturday of Spring Bank Holiday weekend heralds the arrival of the Eel Day Festival. The eel parade, led by giant colourful eels begins at Ely Cathedral, traveling through the town to complete it's journey along the River Great Ouse and into the Jubilee Gardens amidst folk songs and food stalls, morris dancing and eel throwing competitions!



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Sluice Gates at the Ely Maltings...



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Choosing a view to draw for an Ely Marina scene, I was spoilt for choice. Looking toward the railway bridge with the Babylon Gallery to my left, provides a marvelous view of colourful narrowboats vanishing up the River Great Ouse as the King's Cross train travels out of sight and mind. Standing on the bridge and looking across from the Gallery with Peacock's Tearoom to my back I can see myriad boats and launches framed in the middle distance by intersecting longboats moored on the waterfront. Overtaken first by local canoeists and then a family of ducks as I walked along the river's edge, the 'Vermuyden' working longboat parked peacefully beside a lone weeping willow - Ely Cathedral on the horizon to the right and the Cutter Inn to the left - I found my picture!

How do they get that van on and off the narrowboat?



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Wildlife on River Great Ouse...



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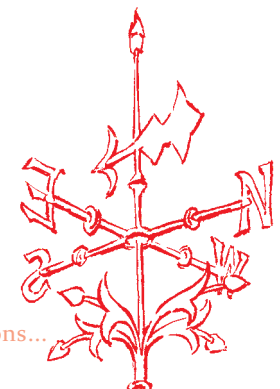
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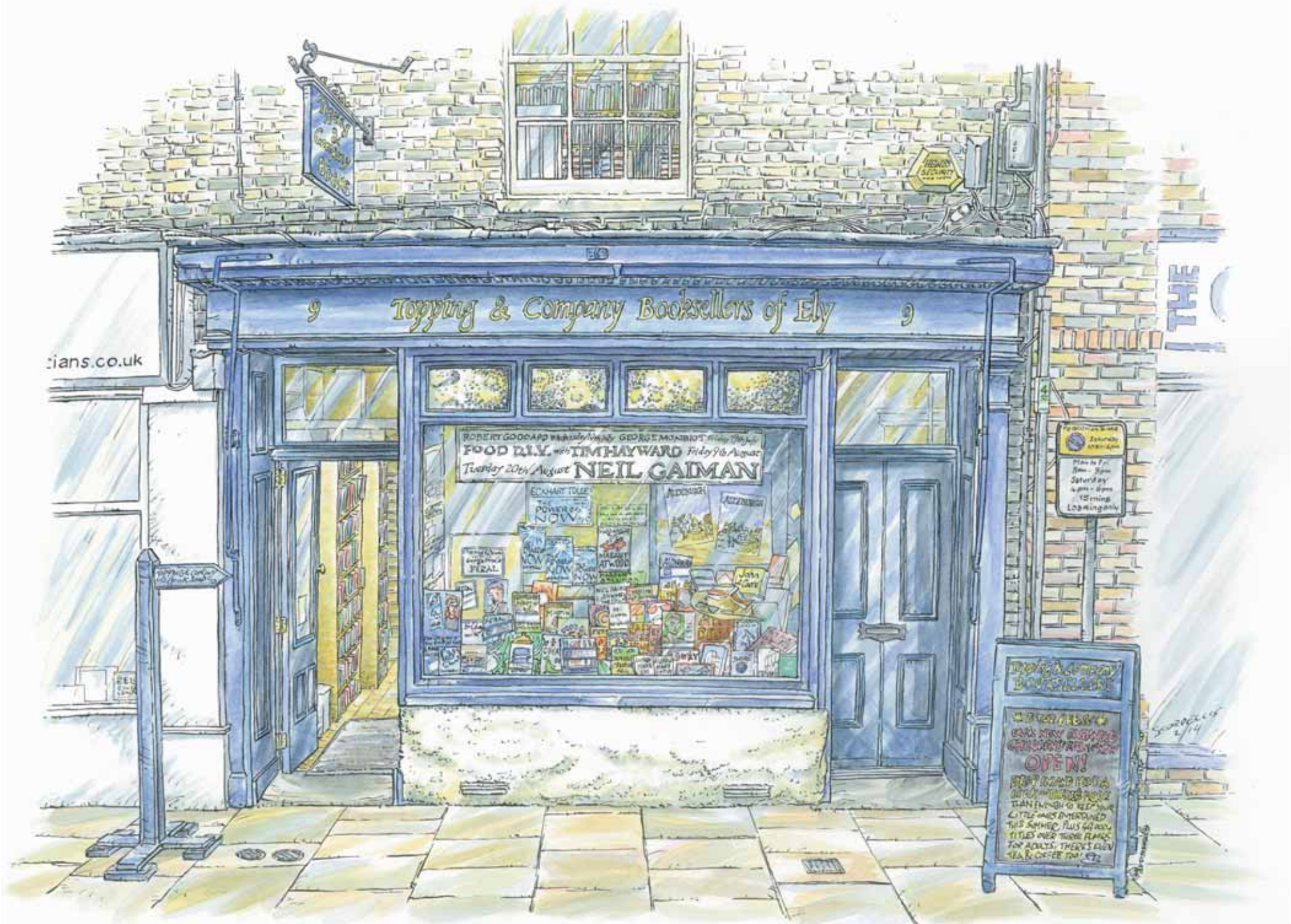
Downham Market Clocktower - facing north up the High Street to the Castle Hotel and King's Lynn beyond - was presented to the town in 1878 by Mr James Scott, a local grocer and draper. Built by William Cunliffe of London, the attractive black and white tower has a square gabled clock face with four dials and stands at the junction of High Street and Bridge Street - formerly Market Place. West Norfolk's historic market town of Downham Market is often thought of as the county's gateway to the Fens...



Downham's weathervane for all seasons...

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“One of the finest bookshop’s in the world” - Alexander McCall Smith.

Standing in line in 2003 with our children on the date of the Summer Solstice, awaiting the imminent arrival of Harry Potter’s next adventure ‘The Order of the Phoenix’ - became a magical moment as the bells chimed midnight. Amidst spells spoken and waving wands we shuffled along the queue to the shop’s doorway, and stepping over the threshold, we found ourselves in what appeared to be an endless room filled with shelf upon shelf of books of all shapes and sizes.

With three tardis-like floors, tens of thousands of books from ‘How to Boil an Egg’ to ‘The Big Bang’ and fiction to non-fiction - is there any doubt that ‘Toppings & Company Booksellers of Ely’ could be anything other than a truly magical destination?

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The pointer to endless reading delight...





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The Lighthouse TV and Electrical shop is a Grade II listed English Heritage building on the corner of Paradise Rd. In the early 18th century the Queen's Head Inn stood on the same site, offering lodgings and food and drink to it's customers, travellers and locals alike. Built of carrstone rubble with colour washed brick dressing, it has a Gothic Revival style stone doorcase and corner entrance with carved crowned head above. The sign of the Queen's Head Inn also hung from a wooden arch spanning the breadth of Bridge Street! In this 21st century, The Lighthouse - originally a stockist of household lamps and lightfittings - trades in a digital language and it's goods are computerised marvels manufactured far and wide, bringing the outside world into your home.

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Queen Victoria's stone carved likeness...





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The King's Walk Cemetery and Victorian Chapels sit southward of Anglican St Edmund's Church, and are typical of 19th century civic pride. There are two identical chapels both resplendent in white brick and local carrstone. One for the Anglicans and one for the non-conformists. To the right is the cemetery keeper's cottage which is now a private dwelling place. Here are grand memorials to 19th Century worthies celebrated with imposing monuments, wrought iron railings and towering Gothic spires. Precise, ornate inscriptions fading in the morning sunlight.



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Downham Market's decorative sign...



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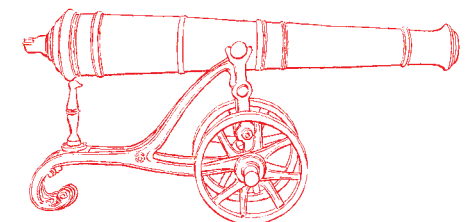
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Ely's first WWI War Memorial - a temporary wooden structure - was also situated on Market Place. The present war memorial is set into an alcove of the old wall surrounding the Cathedral Close and was unveiled on 30th April 1922. In remembrance of those who laid down their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918 their names are inscribed on the plaques either side of the cross and the soldiers who fought and died in the Second World War are named on the three plaques positioned above these on the upper tier. As is tradition, every year on Armistice Day at 11am a two minutes silence is observed beside the memorial to honour the fallen of both old and new conflicts.



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A Russian gift - the Cannon on Palace Green c. 1860...



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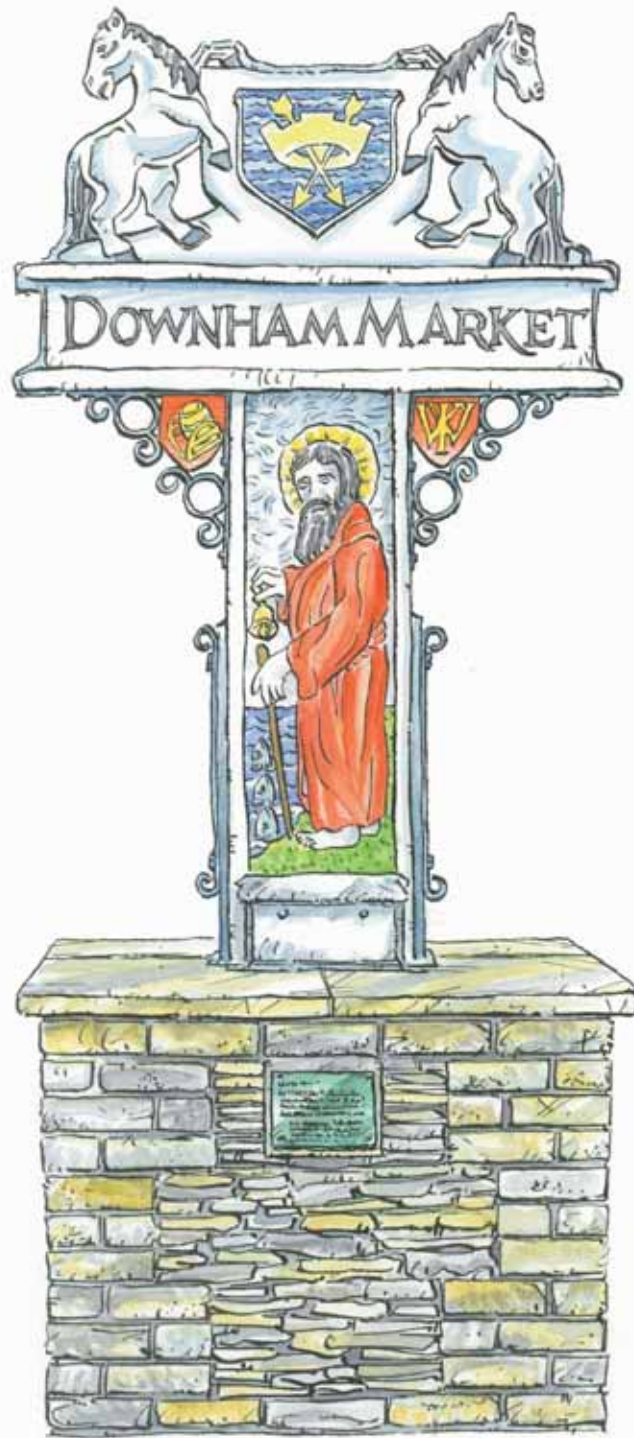
Ely Cathedral
- the Ship of the Fens!
 Etheldreda, daughter of Anna - King of East Anglia - restored an old church at Ely, reputedly destroyed by Penda, pagan king of the Mercians. She built her monastery on the site of what is now Ely Cathedral. After it's restoration in 970 by Ethelwold, except for Glastonbury - it became the richest abbey in England.



January '16

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Ely Cathedral's ascending sculpture...



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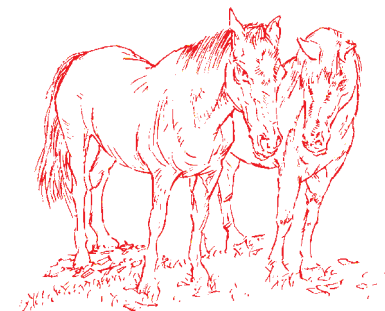
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Downham's decorative town sign displays the crown and arrows of St Edmund's framed by carved horses to show the importance of horse fairs in the town's history - St Winnold's Horse Fayre being one of the largest in the country, held on the 3rd of March each year. Dealing took place in the streets as well as on the Howdale - many thousands of horses were supplied to the armed forces during the first World War. In the early 19th century, the famed Butter Market would be held on Monday's beside the River Great Ouse, large quantities of butter - 3000 Firkins - travelling by water to Cambridge would journey on to London as 'Cambridge Butter'.



The Ely & Downham Market 2015 Calendar or Downham Market & Ely 2015 Calendar - was a pleasure to produce. I really didn't need to look far into rich local history to see a fabulous abundance of interesting and fascinating architecture and scenery to draw and paint. Many thanks for buying this calendar and helping us support local charities and causes. If you have your own ideas on what would make an interesting theme for future calendars, please let me know - **Andy**.

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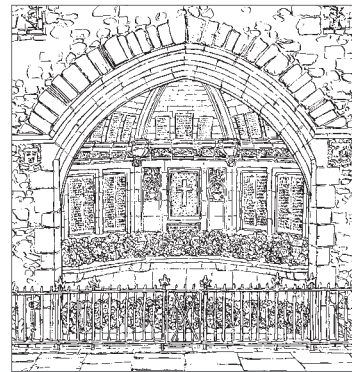
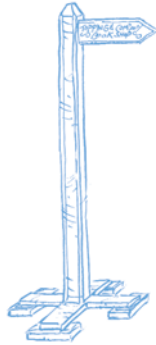
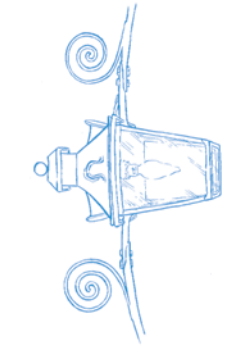
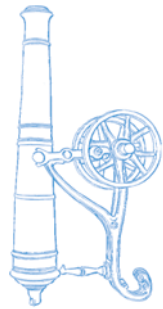
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