

## Elm Community Hub update

Following our recent application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (about which we hope to hear by end of March), we need to start planning our next steps.

Come along to our next meeting to hear the latest updates and help guide your Community Hub. We want to hear your views:

- How best to fund and deliver the next stages of the hub project;
- The scope of the Hub and its potential uses by the community;
- The key facilities it will need;
- Anything else you want us to hear!

**DATE: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

**VENUE: All Saints' Church Elm**

**TIME: 7PM 'til 8PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

As ever, all updates are available at our website:

<https://elmcommunityhub.uk.blog/>

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# All Saints' Elm

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[Lauren.radwell@btinternet.com](mailto:Lauren.radwell@btinternet.com) by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.



## Quiz Night

at All Saints' Church Elm

7pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April



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## 'By the light of the silvery Moon ...'

Noticed the moon recently? If you listen to the radio, you'll likely have heard reports recently about NASA preparing for the second in a series of complex 'Artemis' missions that will enable human exploration at the Moon and future missions to Mars. Be that as it may, there's still nothing quite so lovely as having been surprised by the unexpected bright light of a full moon – especially first thing of a morning.

The moon has of course no light of its own. Whenever we see the Moon, we see light reflected from the Sun. It's light from our Sun which picks out the meteor-battered surface of what is otherwise largely consolidated rock dust – all quite dark and mysterious on the other side, the side we never see. And in a similar kind of way, the Psalms in the Bible tell us that though we hear no voice, yet the 'sound' of God's glory is 'heard' because the stars and the planets are 'telling out' the wonder of their Creator.

The book *Genesis* speaks of God as having made humankind in his image and likeness. Now at a graveside I regularly recite 'earth to earth ... dust to dust' but I also on other occasions read of 'the glory of God being seen in the face of the man Jesus Christ'. The privilege and wonder of our having been made in God's image and likeness is that by the illuminating power of God's unseen Spirit, ordinary earth-and-dust creatures like you and me can become Christ-like so we too reflect the glory of God's goodness and love into the situations and circumstances of our everyday lives. That's rather lovely and pretty amazing too, don't you think?



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# Sportsman



## Spring Into Summer With Our New Food Menu!

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring begin to bloom, all of us at the Sportsman are looking ahead to an exciting April & May.

The lighter nights bring a fresh energy, the warmer days tempt us outdoors, and our beer garden begins to buzz once again as friends and families gather to make the most of the season.

We are delighted to be introducing our new updated food menu, which launches at the beginning of April. Our kitchen team have been busy creating some exciting new dishes, which we can't wait for you to try.

### Key Dates For April & May

- Quiz Nights - 7pm start      7<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Food Menu Served 5pm-8pm
  - Senior Meal Saver Lunches      Every Wednesday 12pm-2:45pm
  - Afternoon Teas Available      7 Days Booking Notice Required
  - Easter Bank Holiday Monday      Open For Drinks 6<sup>th</sup> April - 12pm-7pm.
  - May-Day Bank Holiday Monday      Open For Drinks 4<sup>th</sup> May - 12pm-7pm.
  - End Of May Bank Hol. Monday      Open For Drinks 25<sup>th</sup> May - 12pm-7pm.
  - LIVE MUSIC - Back To The 80s      Vanessa Knight Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May From 8pm
- Join us for some more amazing live music from the talented Vanessa. Free Entry!

*"Come as a customer, leave as a friend"*

### Food Times:

#### Lunchtimes

Tues.-Sun. 12pm-2:45pm

#### Evening

Tues.-Thurs. 5pm-7:45pm

Fri.-Sat. 6pm-8:45pm

## Church Services in the Fen Orchards Benefice

### April

3rd Good Friday: 'An Hour at The Cross' All Saints' Elm 2pm

5th Easter Sunday: Holy Communion at St Edmund's Emneth 10:30am

12th Holy Communion at All Saints' Elm 10:30am

19th Sunday Worship at St Mark's Fridaybridge 10.30am

26th Family Service at St Edmund's Emneth 10.30am

### May

3rd Sunday Worship at St Edmund's Emneth 10:30am

10th Sunday Worship at All Saints' Elm 10:30am

17th Sunday Worship at St Mark's Fridaybridge 10:30am

24th Family Service at All Saints' Elm 10.30am

31<sup>st</sup> Combined Benefice Service: Holy Communion at St Peter's Upwell 10am **PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME**

Please check the church notice board to confirm all services or visit our web page at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Churchyard Memorials please contact Mrs J Feaviour-Clarke, Churchwarden on 01945- 587385

## Changing Times for the WI.

It is with deep regret that at just one month short of 73 years at Elm, our branch of the WI which started in 1953 has suspended its meetings pending closure.

The Women's Institute is an organisation where women of all generations can come together and build friendships, share their skills and interests, learning from each other, and be a force for good in their local communities as well as supporting campaigns and issues that matter to the members. It is a women's community within a community. Alas, these are changing times, and lives lived increasingly through screens, with good deeds reduced to occasional donations.

Unfortunately, there is nothing social about social media, and the days of village life where people worked together for the common good are fading.

After many years of trying to recruit new members, the group has failed to raise any interest and is no longer sustainable. Remaining members will relocate amongst neighbouring groups in Wisbech, Marshland and 'Welle' which serves Upwell & Outwell.

Further information about the National Federation of Women's Institutes can be found at [the.wi.org.uk](http://the.wi.org.uk)

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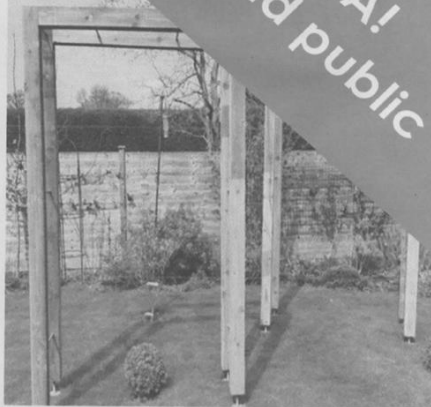
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## Village Dates for your diary:

### ◆ Friends of Elm & Emneth Towpath

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**Working parties meet from September through to April on the 3rd Saturday of every month.** If you are interested in joining us, please email Ian Jones at [scagell\\_jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scagell_jones@hotmail.co.uk) or find us on

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## School Assembly Sing-Along

Inspired by James B. Partridge, the singing teacher and Tik Tok celebrity, All Saints held their own event to turn back time and invite the community to join with singing hymns remembered from school-day assemblies. followed by tea and cake.

The event on January 31<sup>st</sup> followed the theme of 'Jesus, Light of the World' to celebrate coming out of the cold gloomy winter season.

Sharon Cottingham provided the narration, with the six hymns each preceded by an introductory passage from the bible and the lighting of a candle.

Everyone enjoyed tea and cake afterwards and took home a gift bag with a candle, prayer card and sweets.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
 and  
 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

All Saints' Church

6.30pm

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