



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

February 2016

Issue 82

COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE SHOWS SPRING COMES EARLY TO THE PARISH



If you have visited the Upwood & the Raveleys Facebook page recently you will have noticed the wonderful photos that Esther Rowley is constantly uploading, demonstrating that Spring is indeed coming early this year. Esther has a real 'eye' for capturing the landscape and she is now responsible for keeping the visual aspect of the site updated. As the above photos show she is doing an excellent job. Do visit the site and have a look for yourself; maybe even add some local photos of your own! It's an open resource.

Diary of Events p2

Pancake & Coffee Morning p5

Spotlight on Meet & Munch p8 – 9

Wind Farm Grant Trust report p14

Who's Who p15

Parish Council p3 & 4

Choral Favourites p6

Performing Arts p11

Groups & Societies p5-7, 10-14

Christmas Images 2015 p16

DIARY OF EVENTS FEBRUARY – MARCH 2016

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
1 Feb	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Village hall; Carol 812447
7 Feb	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's; Jean 813742
9 Feb	Tue	Pancake coffee morning	10 - 12	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
11 Feb	Thu	WEA: 'The Friendly Invasion'	10– 4pm	Village hall; Liz 813008
14 Feb	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30	St Peter's; Jean 813742
15 Feb	Mon	Garden Club: 'Succulents'	7.30pm	Ramsey CC; Ian 710712
18 Feb	Thu	History Group: Must Farm visit	10am	Mervyn 710219
20 Feb	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45 – 2pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
21 Feb	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's; Jean 813742
27 Feb	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45 – 2pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
28 Feb	Sun	Benefice Service: No service at St Peter's	10am	Thomas a Becket; Jean 813742
29 Feb	Mon	Home to Home: The Suffragette movement	8pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
3 March	Thu	WEA: Pomp and Circumstance	10– 4pm	Village hall; Liz 813008
5 March	Sat	Church Spring Clean	10.00	St Peter's; Jean 813742
5 March	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45 – 2pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
6 March	Sun	Morning Prayer – Mothering Sunday	9.30am	St Peter's; Jean 813742
7 March	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Village hall; Carol 812447
8 March	Tue	Newsletter Deadline (early owing to Easter)		
12 March	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45 – 2pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
12 March	Sat	UPA: Phil Beer	7.45pm	Village hall; Doug 814114
13 March	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30	St Peter's; Jean 813742
16 March	Wed	History Group: Royal Observer Corps	7.45pm	Village hall; Ian 710712
19 March	Sat	Choral Society Concert	7.30pm	Thomas a Becket; June 813562
20 March	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's; Jean 813742
21 March	Mon	Home to Home: 'Sugarcraft'	8pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
21 March	Mon	Garden Club: 'Hellebores'	7.30pm	Ramsey CC; Ian 710712
27 March	Sun	Family Communion	9.30	St Peter's; Jean 813742
28 March	Mon	Food Fair: Ramsey Rural Museum	11-3pm	Ian 710712
Future Events				
2 April	Sat	Meet & Munch starts again	3pm	Village hall; Jan 814393
8 April	Fri	UPA: Mervyn Stutter	7.45pm	Village hall; Doug 814114
25 April	Mon	Home to home: 'Yarn on the Square'	8pm	Village hall; Anne-Marie 812195
6 May	Fri	UPA: Miranda Sykes & Reg Preston	7.45pm	Village hall; Doug 814114
20 May	Wed	History Group: 'Introduction to Shakespeare'	7.45pm	Village hall; Ian 710712

Deadline for April Newsletter is 8 March 2016

PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council met on Monday 04 January 2016.

Following the recent appointment of two new councillors, portfolio responsibilities have been reviewed to optimise the skills and expertise of members in line with the needs of the parish. Governance (Policies and Controls) will now be dealt with by an ad hoc working party as and when it is necessary to review policy updates. Details of councillor's current responsibilities together with their contact details are published in the table on the following page.

Councillors agreed that work should be undertaken to refurbish the goal posts in Glebe Paddock and that the grass on the football pitch be reduced in length to enhance the facility. The work will be undertaken in the spring.

Following concerns about lorries breaching the 7.5 tonne weight limit in the parish, random road surveys will be carried out by a small working party which will report back to the council at the February meeting.

Cambridgeshire County Council has developed an interactive resource which maps services and facilities across the county. It highlights current issues and identifies areas of responsibility for amenities such as street lighting; highway maintenance; and other areas of parish, district and county council business.

Please see: <http://my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/myCambridgeshire.aspx>.

Parishioners may be interested in details of the Mary Elizabeth Mawdesley Will Trust. The trust is administered by Serjeant and Son, Solicitors. Mary Elizabeth Mawdesley was the daughter of the Vicar of Ramsey and the aunt of the last partner in the firm of Serjeant and Son, Solicitors, who bore the surname "Serjeant". As a spinster, she devoted her life to good causes and charitable works. Miss Mawdesley died in the 1920s, leaving some property which she was able to give towards a charitable endowment for the benefit of poor widows in the parishes of Ramsey, Bury and Upwood (five sevenths of the fund); and for the upkeep of her family graves in Ramsey Churchyard (two sevenths of the fund). The income and expenditure of the trust is less than £300 per annum and a modest sum is distributed to beneficiaries on "Gooding's Day" in December each year. As the graves do not require regular upkeep, this proportion of the fund is given each year to the Church Restoration Fund of St. Thomas a Becket provided that the Vicar or his substitute preaches a sermon at the end of February each year in memory of the Mawdesley family. On "Gooding's Day", (21 December) 2015, nine beneficiaries each received £13.04. Although they appreciate that this is a small amount of money, the trustees are keen to maintain the tradition and continue Miss Mawdesley's legacy. Eligible parishioners (widows of fairly limited income and resources), or their representatives, are invited to contact Mr John Chrisp,

PARISH COUNCIL continued

Serjeant and Son Solicitors, High Street, Ramsey if they would wish to be considered as a beneficiary of the trust.

The next meetings will be held on Monday 01 February 2016 and Monday 07 March 2016 in Upwood Village Hall at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Agendas and detailed minutes of Parish Council meetings; policy documents and further information about Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council are available at www.upwood.org

Robin Singleton, Councillor, Communications and Public Relations

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NAME & CONTACT	PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES
Jason Edwards (812266, Jedwards62@talktalk.net)	Parish boundaries, ditches, footpaths, grass and hedges. Liaison with Upwood & the Raveleys Community Allotments Association
Robin Howe (814393, Robinhowe@blackfyne.com)	Chairman Member of the finance working party
Helen Nel 812233, helen@questleadership.co.uk)	Liaison with the Raveleys; Fairmead; Farm Close; and all outlying areas
Jean Noble (814356, nimusmum@gmail.com)	Play facilities Parish aesthetics Liaison with Upwood Primary School Liaison with the local parish forum
Jo Paxton (812138, jopax@hotmail.com)	Liaison with St. Peter's Church Meadow Road Cemetery Liaison with the local parish forum
Andrew Perkins (812826, lynnandperks;Tiscali.co.uk)	Planning Parish Trees Parish land
Robin Singleton (711169 , 28jrms36@gmail.com)	Communication & Public Relations
Garth Slater (812006, garth@gpslater.co.uk)	Vice-Chairman Traffic, highways and road safety Member of the finance working party Liaison with the local parish forum
Howard Smith (711247, hjs@brma-uk.com)	Community Led Plan/Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator Member of the finance working party
Carol Bilverstone (812447 parishclerk@upwood.org)	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

ST PETER'S CHURCH



Pancake Coffee Morning TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY. 10.00-12.00 UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Pancake Day is one of our favourite events in our calendar year.

There will be games for pre-school children, a 'lucky dip' and of course a great variety of pancake fillings... not to mention a cake stall, 'Bring & Buy', raffle and the chance to meet and chat.

ticket £2 free for under 5

Come and enjoy a very special morning.

Contact Anne-Marie: 812195 or email Annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com

All profits go towards St Peter's Church

Lent Lunches

It is again the time of the year when Saturday Lent Lunches are being organized. On Saturdays during Lent come with your family and friends and taste our lovely soups in the village hall from 12.45 to 2pm.

If you know anyone who you think would enjoy a frugal, but tasty meal then please tell them about ours.

Upwood Village Hall: 20 and 27 February, 5 and 12 March.

All profits will go to St Peter's charitable causes

Spring cleaning

With a bit of luck the bats will be asleep for the next couple of months so we are hoping to spring clean our parish church. The trouble is that we need **YOUR** help; some of us are not as agile as we were and climbing up steps and ladders is a real effort. Would you be willing to come along and help us on Saturday 5 March at 10am? There will be coffee and tea and tasty biscuits to help quench your thirst and stave off hunger pangs; you will also be welcome to join us at the Village Hall for a Lent Lunch. If you think you can help, please contact:- Jean Place **813742** or Anne Marie **812195**

UPWOOD ART GROUP



The Art Group sent photos of pictures from their most recent art exhibition. The pictures are well worth looking at but this newsletter cannot do justice to them so they have been put on the Upwood Facebook page and the parish website www.upwood.org

WEA UPWOOD BRANCH

WEA



There are still spaces on the two, one day courses in the Spring Term.

11 Feb 2016 – ‘The Friendly Invasion’ - the US Army Air Force in East Anglia’ with Ian McLachlan. This covers the combat history, cultural impact and legacy of the American presence during World War 2. How did the presence of the US Airforce affect local communities?

03 March 2016 – ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ with Chloe Cockerill – from the orb to the sceptre it will examine the significance of the symbols of Royal ceremonies and sovereignty; there will be plenty of illustrations and a great deal of discussion.

Both day-schools run from 10am – 4pm, the fee is £18.00 each and you will need to bring a packed lunch – tea/coffee and cake are provided.

Our summer evening course **‘Royal Gardens’** with Andrew Sankey starts in April.

If you would like more information or to reserve a place contact:

Liz Carter: liz@backtracks.biz, **813008** or Roger Peckover rorupec@aol.com, **812048**

SING IT AGAIN! CHORAL FAVOURITES

Tickets can be obtained from School Plus, Gt Whyte, Ramsey or from June Green **813562**.

Tickets: £10 in advance or £12 at the door. We hope to see you there!

Sat 19 March, St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey 7.30pm

As part of our 25th anniversary year celebrations, for this concert we asked members to suggest pieces they would like to sing again. From 70 suggestions we drew up a short list and asked our audience at our Christmas Concert to help us choose. We are sure you will like their suggestions so if you would like to hear some real choral favourites do come along to the concert.

Included will be Zadok the Priest and Cantique de Jean Racine and many more.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Club sessions continued throughout the Christmas period. Parties were held on a Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas; the club provided drink and members brought the food. Both parties were well attended.

Upwood Table Tennis Club provides play on 2 tables for anyone interested in this highly social activity. We meet every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoon from 2pm. The club has regular coaching sessions and runs tournaments as well as social outings.

For more information contact me, David Williams on **812923**.

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Volunteer Support: Upwood Primary School recognises the great contribution volunteers make to our school community, including parent/carers volunteers, grandparent volunteers and members of the local community. Volunteers support the day to day running of the classroom, including listening to children read and assisting with craft projects. They may also assist with the running of school trips. We would ask you to please consider whether you, or a member of your family, have some spare time to offer Upwood Primary School, from one hour to a whole morning or afternoon. All volunteers working with children need to undertake a DBS check (formally known as CRB check). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact a member of the School Office Staff on **813510** and they will explain the DBS process.

Fundraising Day: The children of Upwood Primary School have been fundraising for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The children have learnt about the use of braille and using the theme, were invited to come to school wearing dots, for a voluntary contribution to the charity. Everyone agreed that the money was going to a very worthwhile cause.

Staff and pupils are all looking forward to a very exciting term.

****Newsletter Deadline – Date change****

As Easter is at the end of March, to allow for printing and distribution, the deadline date for submissions has come forward

Deadline for April Newsletter 8 March

SPOTLIGHT ON MEET & MUNCH



It was during one of the last Lent lunches in 1995 when Margaret Hand (pictured), Vera Gowler and Marlene Barringer (who was Upwood's 'postie' for many years) were speaking to the ladies who had supplied the meal: June Silcock (deceased), Mags Dudley and Lynn Perkins. Mags remembers that these ladies were sad that the lunches were coming to an end as it was an ideal opportunity to meet up and talk to people that they didn't see very often. Shaw's Stores, the village shop and post office, had closed in October 1994 removing

one of the focal points to meet up and chat, or just have a quick trip out of the house to break up the day and so Margaret, Vera and Marlene were probably just voicing what were the thoughts of many of the parish's population.

June, Mags and Lynn briefly talked about how it might be possible to provide lunches at other times of the year but no real plans were formed. Lynn remembers *"the next thing I knew was that June had taken the idea on board and the concept of 'Meet and Munch' was born. We met round at June's house to sort out details."* Mags added, *"June was very concerned that the lunches (and teas in the summer) were a focal point of St Peter's Church's outreach work and initially it was mostly ladies who attended the church who helped serve the food."*



'Meet and Munch' still meets once a month, usually on the first Saturday and provides a crucial role in enabling members of the community to have a hot meal during the winter months (September to January) and afternoon tea during the summer (April to August), whilst chatting to friends and neighbours. A dedicated group of ladies from the parish supply the food and

the village hall provides a great place to sit and chat whilst enjoying a wide variety of culinary delights. Members are asked for a donation towards the cost of their meal and there is always a raffle, plus a present at Christmas. Originally a Christmas lunch was the highlight of the year, but as the weather had caused many regulars to miss the December meeting, in recent years the focal point has been the party in June.

Members are invited to don their party gear and hats and come along to celebrate. Members have celebrated the Royal Wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the birth of Prince George but even, as in 2015 when there was no special royal occasion, a party was the order of the day. Maurice Hiscott (pictured) originally supplied the musical entertainment at Christmas and subsequently the June parties but recently he has joined the growing band of ladies and gentlemen who come along to enjoy the convivial company and good food so Upwood Ukuleles have taken over his mantle. The 'UpUs' continue to provide the opportunity to sing along to old favourites and listen to some more modern tunes.



Speaking with some of the members it was very obvious that 'Meet and Munch' provides a much appreciated service. Margaret Hand who has been attending since 1995 and together with Audrey Ayres (pictured) at 96 are the oldest members of the group said, *"I enjoy going, it's something to look forward to, and is one of the first things that goes on my calendar at the beginning of the year. It's lovely to have a meal got ready for you and have the chance to meet up with friends. As you get older it's not so easy to get around and the monthly meetings give me the chance to see my friends."*

Jan Howe is now the leader of the volunteers and the person to contact if you want to attend the lunches or supply them. She said *"I love seeing the members meeting up with their friends and enjoying a good chat whilst having a homemade lunch or tea. They are very appreciative of what we do. We are a very friendly group of volunteers. We work in groups of four so you may only be called on to volunteer 3 times during the year. Contact me if you would like to find out more (814393)."* Jan added, *"Everyone in the parish who is over 55 is welcome. Don't be afraid to come. You would be made to feel welcome and would soon get to know the members and volunteers. Again contact me and I will give you more information"*.

As 'Meet and Munch' approaches its 21st year or 'coming of age' celebration this June it continues to provide a much-needed monthly service (now only interrupted by the Lent lunches) to the older residents of the parish.

Do contact Jan on **814393** if you are interested in either attending or helping.

MEET & MUNCH REFLECTIONS



Just glancing over the register for the last year, Meet and Munch volunteers have prepared and served over 130 lunches and teas so a huge thank you to all the ladies who provide this. However, Meet and Munch is all about its members and what an inspirational group they are in so many ways.

Meet and Munch usually meets on the first Saturday of the month. The next meeting is on **2 April for tea at 3pm**. Lent lunches are served in the Village Hall during February and March. Contact Jan; **814393**.

Jan Howe

UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



Planting of the new hedging plants, from the Woodland Trust, along the Huntingdon Road boundary has started – this will complete the boundary around the allotment site. If you would like to help, get in touch. There are some vacant allotment plots at both Upwood and Great Raveley – full plot rent is £15.00 p.a. and for new ‘Starter Plots’, approx. ¼ size, is £5.00p.a. Contact: Liz **813008**, liz@backtracks.biz or Ali **710548**, amiles@gotadsl.co.uk

Liz Carter

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Sponsor a Tree

We had such a tremendous response to our initial request for tree sponsors in 2014 that we ran out, so are delighted to announce we are planning to plant a further 12 trees and can now invite further sponsors to support this second phase. A guide price for sponsorship will be around £25.00 per tree (as before) though we will confirm this cost with each potential sponsor as soon as we have confirmation from the supplier.

Friends of the Upwood Community Orchard

The committee will continue to oversee the maintenance and development of the orchard and would like to invite more volunteers to help look after the Community Orchard. To do this we are launching a new scheme - the **‘Friends of the Orchard’**. Volunteer ‘Friends’ will be contacted when help is needed. Tasks include weeding, bulb planting, care of raised lavender beds, watering, grass cutting, stone clearing, hedge maintenance and, hopefully, fruit picking too. We can tailor our requests to the sort of work or time that suits you so just let us know what help you can offer.

Contact Julia Evans: **711388**, julia.evans@barfieldhouse.net

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Saturday 12 March – Phil Beer - £14.00 – SORRY, SOLD OUT.

Friday 8 April – Mervyn Stutter - Utterly Stutterly - £11.00



A welcome return to village hall favourite Mervyn Stutter. *"Celebrating the trivial and attacking the absurd, he gives a seriously funny show."* The Scotsman
"Stutter is as sharp as any, as funny as any and more informed than most." The Times

Friday 6 May – Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston - £11.00

In the space of 2 short years, Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston have emerged to become one of the most sought after duos on the English folk & roots scene. Miranda has a stunningly beautiful voice as well as being a fantastic double bass player. Rex is a virtuoso on the mandolin and bouzouki.

"A musical partnership made in heaven. Scintillating, sensitive and brilliant." – FROOTS



Box Office for all events: 01487 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

If you wish to be informed of future events via email please contact the Box Office.

HOME TO HOME

Home to Home is an informal social club that was set up by a group of Upwood women over 35 years ago. In its earlier days members took turns in hosting the meetings in their own homes – hence its name. The club was well supported and eventually re-located to the village hall. Our meetings are held on the last Monday of the month and start at 8:00pm. We aim to interest women of all ages and have a wide range of speakers, activities and demonstrations in our 2016 programme. We are always happy to welcome new members and the annual fee is £15.00. However guests are also warmly welcome to come along and join us for an evening. We do ask for a £3 entrance fee but that includes your refreshment.

We continue 2016 with our meeting on 29 February when we have Liz Carter coming to talk about some of the remarkable women who formed the Suffragette movement. On 21 March we are having a demonstration of cake decorating given by Nicola from Sugarcraft and on 25 April we are joined by knitter Christine Brown from 'Yarn on the Square' in Ely to talk about and demonstrate various yarns and techniques.

If you would like further information about membership please contact Julia Evans:

711388, julia.evans@barfieldhouse.net

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

The History Group meets at 7.45 pm in Upwood Village Hall on the third Wednesday of alternate months. Why not come along and try a meeting? The meeting on 20 January was a talk by Mike (Nick) Nixon about the 'History of Ramsey Rural Museum'. Nick is a long-time volunteer at the museum and has a vast knowledge about it and its development.

Future meetings include:

18 February – Visit to Must Farm Bronze Age site. This has recently been referred to as 'A British Pompeii'. We are lucky to get access to this site; it closes for ever at the end of March 2016. The number of visitors is limited. Our places are offered on 'first come first served' basis. The visit starts at 10am.

If interested contact Mervyn Harvey: mervharvey841@gmail.com, 710219

16 March - talk by John Shere entitled 'The Royal Observer Corps'. The Observer Corps were very active in the Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire areas so the talk is likely to have local interest. On 20 May a talk by Fiona Lucraft, 'An Introduction to Shakespeare'. From experience, we know that Fiona is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and we can anticipate a rewarding meeting.

Visits are also being planned to: Woolthorpe Manor, the birthplace of Isaac Newton and The Great Fen to learn about the role of Lord Rothschild in the development of the local nature reserves. Contact Ian Gaunt **710702**; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

UPWOOD SCHOOL PTA NEWS



Upwood School PTA had a great end to the year regarding fundraising and would like to thank everyone for their support with this. Listed below are the events held and the profit made, which will be going towards our fundraising project for new outdoor play equipment.

Disco - £239.12; Pop and Popcorn night - £140.49; Quiz Night - £533.00; Christmas cards/Gifts - £411.75; Christmas Fayre - £932.45.

We also helped in raising £157.44 for Children in Need.

Emma Smith

CROSS KEYS

New: The Cross Keys will be open for coffee Wednesday mornings, starting February.

The newsletter rarely publishes comments (positive or adverse) but this one is getting mentioned as a very positive reflection of all the changes, effort and thought that has recently gone in to the Cross keys: 'Warboys Walkers' (16 of them) called in for lunch at the Cross Keys and were very impressed with both food and changes. Recommend a visit!

Over the next few months there are lots of activities planned for the Great Fen. Look at the website for details of dates, times and costs. Here is a taster of what is happening:

Activities include: talks, rambles, willow weaving workshop, dawn chorus, needle felting, photography workshops, family events, wildlife watch, discovery day, dark skies event, little bug club. Contact: **710420, info@greatfen.org.uk**

RAMSEY BRIDGE CLUB

On 10 December we celebrated Christmas with a splendid party spread with Bucks Fizz and wine and an evening of “fun” bridge. This involved changing partners a number of times and playing several variations on standard duplicate bridge.



Mary Mills donated a beautiful cut glass trophy in memory of her parents Pip and Joan Jessop, the inaugural winners being Lainey Halden and Paddy Slater (Upwood). Tokens of appreciation for their work throughout the year were presented to our Director, Colin Payne and his wife Joyce (Warboys), to our Treasurer Kate Paine (Upwood) and to our Scorer Mary Mills (Ramsey). We are always hoping to increase our membership so please get in touch. Contact Paddy Slater: **812006**

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of most months with a variety of talks and demonstrations.

Plans for 2016 include:

15 February - Barry Gayton, a talk on succulents

21 March - Roy Nunn, a talk about Hellebores.

30 July - Annual show, at the Ramsey Rural Museum. This is an open show and anyone in the community can enter the various competitions. September - visit to the Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Wiseley, Surrey. It is likely that some places will be open to non-members. **Contact** Ian Gaunt **710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net**

RAMSEY U3A

The Ramsey and District U3A meet every second Tuesday at the Ramsey Community Centre in Stocking Fen Road at 2:00pm. The U3A is a worldwide organisation that provides opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to ‘learn, laugh and live’. Our groups also hold a variety of activity meetings during the month, our two most popular at the moment are Cycling and the Weight Loss Support Group. So if you need a little extra exercise or support losing those few extra pounds from Christmas come and see what we have to offer. Contact Nina **711265** if you would like to know more.

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM

Your local museum is closed until Easter. Normal opening is: Thursdays (10.00am to 5.00pm) and Saturday, Sundays and Bank Holidays (2.00 to 5.00pm). The museum is available for group visits and private parties in the tea room, barn or marquee at other times by arrangement. Group visits can include guided tours.

Forthcoming special events include:-

28 March 'Food Fair'

29 May 'Animal Family Fun Day'.

11/12 June 'Steam and More' - a rally of miniature steam engines and displays of firefighting. There will be a parade of the steam engines around Ramsey on the Saturday afternoon.

Volunteers Needed: Whilst the museum is closed the volunteers are improving the facilities and changing the exhibits, hopefully creating a better experience for visitors. There is also an ongoing programme of conservation and restoration of the artefacts.

The museum always needs volunteers - all skills welcome. Work includes building and site maintenance, conservation and restoration, administration, maintenance of written archives and help with the various events. In particular 'Front of House' volunteers are needed to welcome visitors and ensure their visit is of a high quality.

For further information contact Ian Gaunt **710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net**

RAMSEY WINDFARM TRUST GRANT

Additions to Village Hall Facilities: Thanks to a grant from the Ramsey Windfarm Trust, a new digital projector has been installed. It is capable of projecting full High Definition pictures and video from laptops and tablets with basic sound also available. Village Hall Hirers wishing to use the projector for the first time may contact the Booking Secretary to arrange to receive instructions in advance. Also by courtesy of the Windfarm Trust Grant, the Village Hall will shortly be installing WiFi for use by Hirers. Should you wish to hire the Hall and benefit from these and many other facilities, at an affordable price, please contact the Booking Secretary on 814575.

The Village Newsletter has also benefitted from the Grant by the provision of a laptop computer, back-up storage equipment and software for the use of the Editorial Committee (as briefly mentioned in a previous edition). This will enable the three editors to use their time more efficiently by using the same machine and programmes and enable on-line collaboration via "Knowhow Cloud". It will be used for the first time for the April issue of the Newsletter.

The Committees of both the Village Hall and the Newsletter thank the Parish Council for their collaboration in obtaining the funds for these projects. *Geoff Carrington*

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
Brownies	Louise Jackson	079211 97850
Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
County Councillor	Michael Tew	tew180@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
Cross Keys PH	Hayley Huskinson	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Dave Murray	815071
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Bilverstone	812447
Home to Home	Jackie Johnston	711329
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Parish Clerk	Carol Bilverstone	812447
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006
Ramsey Camera Club	Trevor Brown	711541
Ramsey Choral Society	June Green	813562
Ramsey & District Garden Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Terry Haslin	815609
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jason Tuxworth	07855 887017
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Ann-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
Upwood Business Association	Frances Ashfield	711411
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Quilters	Margaret Jones	814031
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood School PTA	Rebekah Cornthwaite	07714 881806
UVH Performing Arts Events / [act] Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475
W.E.A	Liz Carter	813008

The editors are diligent but regret that they cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or omissions

Editorial Team: Paul Charman 814707 Judith Harvey 710219 Pauline McLeod 814114

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS
upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for the April 2016 Issue is 8 March 2016

The Newsletter can also be viewed and downloaded online: www.upwood.org

A SNAPSHOT OF A FEW OF THE SIGHTS SEEN IN THE PARISH IN DECEMBER 2015



The spectacular Christmas lights display in Bentley Close just gets better every year



A festive window in Helen's Close

Christmas Tree
Festival,
St Peter's Church
5 December
2015

(Far Right) Part
of Quilt Group's
winning entry

