



# Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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## UPWOOD UKULELES TAKE PART IN MAGPAS' NEW HELICOPTER LAUNCH



Members of Upwood Ukuleles are pictured with Dr Neville Silverston MBE, founding member of Magpas in 1971, on Parker's Piece, Cambridge. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April saw the unveiling of Magpas' new helicopter and fund-raisers Upwood Ukuleles were asked to join in the celebrations by playing their own special tribute to Magpas. The UpU's have now raised over £35,000 since they started playing 5 years ago.

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## DIARY OF EVENTS JUNE /JULY 2019

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
<b>June</b>				
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer	8.30am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly	Mon / Fri	Seated Exercise	9.15am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com
Weekly	Tues & Wed	Upwood Table Tennis Club	7.30pm & 2pm	UVH: Jack 711511
Weekly	Wed	Morning Coffee, all welcome	8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
1& 15 June	Saturday	Upwood Art Group	10am	UVH: Gill 812009
1 June	Saturday	Meet & Munch Summer party	1.00pm	UVH: Jan 814393
2 June	Sunday	Round Cambridgeshire Cycle Ride		www.gloacycling.com/Tour of Cambridgeshire
3 June	Monday	Parish Council meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447
11 June	Tuesday	Ramsey U3A: Climate Change	2pm	RCC: www.ramseyu3a.org.uk
15 June	Saturday	Great Fen: Rothschild Way Challenge – Wicken Fen	5am	815524 or info@greatfen.org
17 June	Monday	RGS: Carol Adams on Clematis	7.30pm	RCC: Ian 710702
21 June	Friday	Upwood CP Academy Sports Day	3.45pm	Upwood CP Academy
22 & 23 June	Saturday / Sunday	St Peter's flower festival	11am – 5pm	S Peter's Church: Anne-Marie 812195
23 June	Sunday	Upwood Open Village	11-5pm	Josie 710702
25 June	Tuesday	Upwood Craft & Chat Group	1.30m	UVH: Heather 814432
25 June	Tuesday	Home to Home summer outing	6.30pm	Pauline 814114
<b>July</b>				
1 July	Monday	UPA box office opens	10am	Doug 07709 930398
1 July	Monday	Parish Council meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447
6 & 20 July	Saturday	Upwood Art Group	10am	UVH: Gill 812009
6 July	Saturday	Meet & Munch afternoon tea	3pm	UVH: Jan 814393
9 July	Tuesday	Ramsey U3A Mind Exploration	2pm	RCC: www.ramseyu3a.org.uk
17 July	Wed.	Great Fen: Summer Wildlife and Heritage Walk – Woodwalton Fen	10.30am 12.30pm	815524 or info@greatfen.org
17 July	Wed.	Local History: A14 finds & archaeology	7.30pm	UVH: Andrew 812447
22 July	Monday	Home to Home – Chris Bylett – a man who talks to himself	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline 814114
26 July	Friday	PC: Children's summer sports	10.30am	Upwood playing field: 812447
27 July	Saturday	RGS: Annual Show	From 1pm	Rural Museum: Ian 710702
30 July	Tuesday	Upwood Craft & Chat Group	1.30pm	UVH: Heather 814432
<b>Forthcoming Events</b>				
02,09,16, 23,30 Aug	Friday	Upwood & Bury summer sports	10.30- 12.30pm	Bury (2 & 9 Aug) Upwood (16,23,30 Aug)
3 August	Saturday	Meet & Munch afternoon tea	3.00pm	UVH: Jan 814393
19 Sept	Thursday	UPA: Midnight Skyracer	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 07709 930398

**Deadline for the August 2019 Newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The parish council met in Upwood Village Hall on 01 April.

**Councillors:** The parish council has two vacancies. Please apply to the parish clerk.

**Finance:** The parish council closed the financial year 2018/2019 with a bank balance of £58,705.33. Reserves of £9,000 are earmarked for the repair/replacement of Bentley Close play equipment and for a future cemetery extension. £10,509.67 received in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in 2018/2019 will be carried forward. Further to payment of outstanding invoices this leaves a general reserve of £27,914. The parish council will operate with a budget of £51,104 in 2019/2020. The budget and business plan were published with the minutes of the meeting held in November 2018 and can be seen at [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org). The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements have been approved and submitted to the external auditor.

**SID:** The speed indicator device continues to provide valuable data to support future traffic calming strategies. Between 01 and 31 March SID recorded 6,159 vehicles travelling through Great Raveley from Wood Walton towards Huntingdon Road. One vehicle was recorded travelling at 70pmh at 4:30pm on a Sunday afternoon. A further three vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of 60mph. 30% of vehicles recorded were in violation of the 30mph speed limit.

**Highways:** Upwood and the Raveley's bid to the Local Highway Improvement Initiative for 2019/2020 has been successful. £10,000 of a total project cost of £16,619 has been awarded for traffic calming measures in Great Raveley. Details are available in the minutes.

**Children's Summer Sports:** The parish council will work with Bury Parish Council and One Leisure to provide six 2-hour "Active Lives" sessions. The first and last sessions have been generously sponsored by William Hunt. Activities will take place on Friday mornings from 10:30am to 12:30am, hosted at Upwood on: 26 July, 02, 23, 30 August, and at Bury on 09 and 16 August.

**The Great British Spring Clean:** On 06 April, approximately 50 residents formed three work parties to collect litter in Upwood, Little Raveley and Fairmead. A staggering 53 sacks of litter was collected! Thank you to all who supported this initiative.

**Future Meetings:** 03 June, 01 July. All are welcome to attend.

Detailed information pertaining to the business of the parish council may be found at [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org) Please "like" the parish council's facebook page for regular updates.

Carol Bilverstone  
Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer



## RAMSEY WINDFARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Every year, acting on behalf of a consortium of operators and stakeholders, GrantScape makes £40,000 available to the parishes of Ramsey, Bury and Upwood & the Raveleys to be used by local community organisations to help fund their activities.

### ***Our Parish is entitled to 20% or £8,000 of the total***

Almost all clubs and associations are eligible; quilting, play groups, clubs and allotments among others and a simple application form on the Grantscape website <https://www.grantscape.org.uk> could mean your organisation receiving hundreds or even thousands of pounds.

The deadline for applications is the **21<sup>st</sup> August**, so don't hesitate!

## UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD'S BEAUTIFUL NEW SIGN



The Community Orchard is delighted to announce that the new sign for the Orchard has now been put in place. Esther and Paul Rowley, the local artists who created the sign, were there to see it being erected at the start of April, just as the first of the trees were coming into blossom. The Community Orchard is now firmly on the Upwood map!

The Community Orchard is situated within the Community Allotments, off Meadow Road, and is open to the public (all dogs on leads please!) There is a bench to rest on and some raised beds filled with lavender and seasonal flowers. All of the trees in the Orchard have been sponsored by members of the community and the fruit from the trees belongs to them.

For more information about the Community Orchard contact **Liz Carter** on **813008** or email: [lizcarter261@btinternet.com](mailto:lizcarter261@btinternet.com)

## UPWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY



### May Day

This term, we celebrated the arrival of the finer weather with our traditional May Day event. Once again, we performed dances to our family and friends. Year 6 pupils had the biggest challenge of all, the traditional Maypole dance! All other classes, worked with a dance coach to produce a multicultural performance. This year, we had dances from places including India and the

Rainforests. The children always show great enthusiasm for this annual event and they put on a great show for their visitors.

### Summer Term

We have lots of outdoor events to look forward to during this term, including residential trips, Sports Day and the Summer Fayre, which will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June from 3.45pm. This term, the children will also make good use of the school swimming pool, with weekly lessons for each class in June and July. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

*Lindsey Clarke, Deputy Headteacher*

## MEET & MUNCH



After a short break while Lent lunches took place, members of Meet and Munch met on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for a sumptuous afternoon tea; these teas will continue on the first Saturday of the month until September.

However, a summer lunch party has become a tradition and this will be held on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. For several years we have had a royal theme but this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing and so the village hall will have a 'space' theme. Will pretty hats be replaced by space helmets? Probably not, but it will be a fun party.

If you would be interested in joining Meet and Munch either as a member or a volunteer, please do get in touch with Jan Howe **814393**.

## GRAN FONDO -SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

Once again, the cycle tour of Cambridgeshire is coming through the parish. Please check at [www.gloacycling.com/Tour of Cambridgeshire](http://www.gloacycling.com/Tour of Cambridgeshire) for the times of road closures that will affect your area of the parish. If you have time do go along and support the cyclists – your enthusiasm can certainly help.



## UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

### Autumn / Winter 2019 - 2020 Programme

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019



#### Midnight Skyracer: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September:

**£14.00**

**IBMA Momentum Award nominated** bluegrass band, Midnight Skyracer have been tearing up the UK bluegrass and folk scene since their inception less than two years ago.



#### Chris While & Julie Matthews: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:

**£15.00**

Come along and help Chris & Julie celebrate 25 years as one of the best and most loved duos on the British and world stages.



#### FB Pocket Orchestra: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November: **£13.00**

The 3-piece FBPO present a contemporary slant on popular acoustic music from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Back by popular demand.



#### Jez Lowe Christmas: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: **£15.00**

Jez and his band, The Bad Pennies, bring their annual Christmas show to UVH for the first time. Guaranteed to be a sell-out.



#### Cup O'Joe: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January: **£13.00**

Siblings Benjamin, Reuben and Tabitha Agnew bring their original and energetic mix of bluegrass & gypsy jazz back to Upwood.



#### Ninebarrow: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February: **£14.00**

Multi-award-winning folk duo, Ninebarrow are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition.



#### Daoiri Farrell: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: **£15.00**

Dublin-born traditional singer and bouzouki player Daoirí has been described by some of the biggest names in Irish folk music as one of the most important singers to come out of Ireland in recent years.

**Box Office: 07709 930398 / [pndmcleod@btinternet.com](mailto:pndmcleod@btinternet.com)**

The Great fen is looking for volunteers from practical work parties to office administration. We are particularly looking for volunteers to assist with supporting our Educational visits and with our promotion of events. If you would be interested please contact us: **815524** or **info@greatfen.org**

Events:

15<sup>th</sup> June – *Rothschild Way Challenge – Wicken Fen*

If you are looking for a challenge for 2019 then why not take part in the Rothschild Way Challenge, a 39 mile walk from Wicken Fen NNR to Woodwalton Fen NNR. This is a fundraiser for the Wildlife Trust BCN to raise money for the important work we do on the Great Fen and other reserves in our three counties. Take part individually or as a relay team of 4. Challenge starts at 5am with Breakfast at Wicken Fen; Registration: £15 individual, £35 for a group

Booking: <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2019-06-15-rothschild-way-challenge>  
**Info@greatfen.org.uk** or call **815524**

17<sup>th</sup> July – *Summer Wildlife and Heritage Walk – Woodwalton Fen*

As part of the Huntingdonshire History Festival, running for the whole of July, we are offering a guided walk around Woodwalton Fen with a Wildlife and Heritage Theme. There will also be the chance to look inside the Rothschild Bungalow and enjoy tea and cake in this beautiful historic building. 10.30am-12.30pm; Registration: £10

Keep a look out on our website [www.greatfen.org.uk](http://www.greatfen.org.uk) Booking: **Info@greatfen.org.uk** or call **815524**

## Upwood St Peter's Church

### Flower Festival

Theme: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

11am—5pm

Saturday: Refreshments, cream teas & ice cream

Sunday: A church yard sale



# Upwood Open Village 2019

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 11am to 5pm**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** is the deadline to sign up for garage sales and any other activity on your premises to be included on the event map. To add to the festivities, especially for children and the 'young at heart', why not organise a game or competition.

To be on the map please contact Ian Manning **07904576301/ iwm4@yahoo.co.uk**

## **Open Gardens**

A number of local gardens will be open to have a wander around, all within easy walking distance of the village hall. Pick up an event map from the village hall on the day.

## **Flower Festival**

St Peter's Church will be hosting the flower festival, which will also be open on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. For more information please contact Anne-Marie Cracknell:

**812195/annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com**

## **Scarecrows, Community Orchard & Allotments**

There is a scarecrow competition, which will take place in the Community Orchard and Allotments. The scarecrows will need to be brought to the Community Orchard by 11.00am, at the latest, ready for judging. The theme is "All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Creatures Great and Small". Rosettes will be awarded to the winners.

Please contact Liz Carter for more information: **813008/lizcarter261@btinternet.com**

## **Garage Sales**

It's not too late to hold a garage sale or stall outside your house. Please contact Ian Manning so that your location can be listed on the event map.

## **Upwood Ukuleles**

The UpU's will be playing in the garden of Carlton House, High Street, during the afternoon. Bring along your uke and strum along if you wish.

## **Craft Stalls, Art & Quilting Display**

Everything arty and crafty will be taking place in the village hall itself. There will be a number of craft stalls selling their wares as well as an art and quilting display by Upwood Art Group and Upwood's Craft Group.

## **Refreshments**

Cakes, teas, coffee etc. will be available throughout the day.

## **Raffle, Bric-a-brac & Book Stalls**

Donations of raffle prizes, items for the bric-a-brac & book stalls gratefully received.

For all enquiries please contact Josie Gaunt:

**710702 / josephinegaunt@gmail.com**





# Upwood Open Village

Sunday 23rd June  
11am - 5pm

Flower Festival

Open Gardens

Scarecrows Art & Quilting Display

Garage Sales

Upwood Ukuleles

Craft Stalls

Refreshments

Community Orchard & Allotments



## UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



It is pleasing to see that most of the plots have now been taken on the allotments. Some newcomers are extremely keen and involve their children, which is wonderful. Most of the plots have been dug over and many have potatoes, shallots, leeks and lettuces already growing. However, some early planting did not go so well, as sweetcorn and cauliflower succumbed to night frosts. Many plot holders have used fleece to protect young plants and there seems to be an awful lot of manure and organic material in use. Well-rotted manure, which can be sweet smelling (although not exactly wonderfully fragrant!) is being used to enhance the soil conditions to produce healthy plants in the future. Walking around the allotments, I observed the use of special matting through which plants can be planted. This warms the soil, allows rain to be absorbed and eliminates the necessity of weeding. The possible disadvantage of using this material is the appearance of slugs though.

Trees in the orchard are looking spectacular now with an abundance of blossom. Cowslips are growing prolifically and give a delightful splash of yellow in contrast to the green of the grass. As 'Keeper of the Raised Beds,' I have started to develop the planting there. Some drought resistant plants have been planted and I have used some Yorkshire stone to add height. The other two beds need organising so that some sensory plants can be added to the lavender and rosemary. At some point, the structures and bench will be treated with preservative, but I promise to leave advisory signs to warn you first before I start painting!

There are still a few allotments for rent. If you would like a good green gym work out, are inspired by the idea of growing your own vegetables and fruit and want to inspire your children to develop a healthy lifestyle too, please think about taking on a plot. If you are interested, please contact: **LizCarter261@btinternet.com** *Lesley Owen*

## UPWOOD ART GROUP



The Upwood Art Group meets in Upwood Village Hall on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00pm unless the day falls on a Public Holiday.

Meetings for June will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>; for July on July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>; for August on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> and for September on September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and the first three sessions are free of charge. We are a friendly group and plenty of help can be given if requested. Even if you haven't picked up a paintbrush since your schooldays why not come along and have a go – you never know you might find you have more artistic talent than you thought!

*Gill Shelford*



Our April meeting was a Bunny Drive; basically, a Beetle Drive but drawing bunnies instead of beetles. The rattle of dice and the sounds of joy and despair rang around the village hall as we

tried to throw a 6 to begin! On several occasions some of us hadn't even started before we heard 'Easter Bunny' ring out and we had to 'tot-up' our scores for that game. We had 12 games with a break for refreshments, served by Jo and Robin, after 6. The maximum score could have been 132 but the winning scores were only in the 90s. The prizes after each game and for the top 3 players were all chocolate bunnies.

In May we had a recipe swap and we were able to taste some wonderful favourite recipes of the members, which are going to be collated into a recipe book. This meeting emulated the very first meeting of Home to Home 39 years ago so we are going to take a few of the original recipes and include them in our 2019 version.

In June we are going to Shakespeare at the George so there is no meeting in the village hall. Our next meeting will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July when Chris Bylett will be giving us a talk entitled 'A man who speaks to himself'. Everyone is invited, men as well as women so do come along and find out more about what life is like when you are a ventriloquist. Doors open at 7.15pm. If you want more information call me, **Pauline** on **814114**.

#### **UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS LITTERPICK**



On 6<sup>th</sup> April, an impressive 50 residents gave up their Saturday morning to support "The Great British Spring Clean". Events were coordinated in Upwood, Fairmead and Little Raveley and between the villages a staggering 53 bags of litter were collected. Amongst the more bizarre items found were a collection of sharpened pencils, a plastic dustbin, a gas canister, dozens of empty wine bottles, beer cans and lots and lots of dog poo bags.

The event was a great success, not only did we give our Parish a good spring clean, but the community came together and neighbours had the opportunity to meet one another for a great cause.

Well done everyone, a fantastic effort!

*Jodie Twose, Parish Councillor*

#### **STRENGTH AND BALANCE CLASSES CAN KEEP YOU DOING THE THINGS YOU ENJOY**

Huntingdonshire District Council's One Leisure Active Lifestyle team run many falls prevention classes throughout the district. You can pick up a leaflet from your local One Leisure centre, GP surgery or library. Alternately the brochure can be viewed online at **[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/rightstart](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/rightstart)**.

For more information, go to **[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/strongerforlonger)**

## UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB



The **juniors** are now training outside on Monday nights, weather permitting. The times are: 5-30 till 6-30 for the younger ones (School Year 1 to 4) and 6-30 till 7-30 for the older ones (School Year 5 to 9). Junior membership is £10 for the whole summer's coaching and £2 a game. The aim is that everyone who regularly attends trainings will be guaranteed to play in some games. We are entering a record six teams in the league this year at different age groups.

**Adults** train on Wednesday nights from 6pm most weeks. As we have entered a second team playing on Saturdays this year, we are looking for new players regardless of experience. We also play most Sundays too. Adult membership is £10 for the year and £10 a game (which includes a tea).

We now have some wonderful new training nets that already have been made significant use of both by juniors and adults. Although we did get a grant for half the cost the club has had to take out a hefty loan to pay for the rest. With this in mind we are looking to consolidate where we currently are with regards to our facilities and concentrate on fund raising to increase the club's coffers.

The issue of tenure for the cricket club, after what seems many years, has still not been fully resolved. Things have moved on and we now have draft version of the tenure agreement and correspondence to say that this is progressing albeit slowly. Hopefully, we will have a full agreement in place before the end of the summer.

As always we are looking for new members of any age or experience in particular someone who could offer a little of their time as groundsman, scorer or umpire; if interested in joining in any capacity please contact **Neil** at [npe.tuffin@gmail.com](mailto:npe.tuffin@gmail.com) or on 07968771138 or chairman **Rob Landymore** at [Robert.Landymore@parallelluk.com](mailto:Robert.Landymore@parallelluk.com) for more information.

*Neil Tuffin, Junior Co-ordinator*

## RAMSEY U3A

On June 11<sup>th</sup> the Ramsey and District U3A will have a return visit from weatherman Chris Bell who will be speaking to us about Climate Change. His speaking diary was so full it has taken eighteen months to book a return visit by this popular speaker.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> Diane Simpson, Mind Explorer, also makes a return visit to give us another afternoon of amazing facts with interactive fun.

If you wish to join us for a taster session please come to the Ramsey Community Centre, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey at 2:00pm on the dates above. You will be made very welcome and refreshments are served for a small charge. If you need more information please contact us online at [www.ramseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.ramseyu3a.org.uk)

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



On 1<sup>st</sup> May 7 of our members attended a recording of Gardeners' Question Time at the Corn Exchange in St Ives. Two of them, Lindsey Somerfield and Lesley Owen, were able to ask questions. Watch out for when this programme is broadcast on Radio 4 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The annual show will be held at the Ramsey Rural Museum on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our aim is to make this a community event and almost all of the classes are open to all. As well as flowers and vegetables there are competitions for photography, handicrafts, cookery, preserves and floral art, plus classes for children (under 16). Schedules are available from me, Ian Gaunt, so why not collect one and consider entering some classes. There will be members available to help you with the staging etc. The show is open in the afternoon (2.00 to 4.00) for public viewing and there is an auction of the produce so why not come along and have a look round – it might encourage you to enter some of the classes next year!

The Garden Club is a friendly group that provides a range of talks and demonstrations on many aspects of gardens, plants and gardening. The regular meetings of the club are held in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of the month. The annual subscription is £10. Visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings at a cost of £2. For further information please contact *Ian Gaunt 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net*.



We are now well into the season of opening to the public. We have already had four events and the next major event will be the Miniature Steam and Fire show on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July and followed by the Garden Club's annual show on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Until the end of October we are open on Thursdays (9.00 to 5.00) and on Saturday afternoons, Sunday afternoons and Bank Holiday afternoons (2.00 to 5.00). There are sessions of brass rubbing on the first weekend of each month and trails around the museum for children of various ages at all times.

The museum is entirely managed and run by volunteers but we can always use more help. In particular we need volunteers for manning the museum when it is open at the weekends. This involves someone to open up at the beginning of the afternoon and lock up at the end. In addition, we need help to greet visitors and provide the refreshment service. This need not be a regular commitment but involve as little or as much time as you can spare. We will train you on what has to be done.

If you would like further information about any of the events or volunteering please contact Ian Gaunt **710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net**

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

April was a busy month for St Peter's. The Lent Lunches, shared between St Peters and St Marys, yet again demonstrated what excellent cooks we have in the Benefice. Our thanks go to Anne-Marie and Chrissie for all their hard work in organising the meals, and to all the cooks for their delicious and interesting soups.

An extremely interesting Lent course was run on Wednesdays over the six weeks of Lent by Rev. Darmody and Rev. Dyball. Named, 'Your Call', it was a very personal opportunity to take a spiritual look at the preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This made a very interesting introduction to the Ramsey Walk of Witness and the very moving Good Friday open air service on the Abbey Green. Members from the many Churches within the Ramsey area were welcomed and treated to delicious refreshments, plus an opportunity to meet and spend time together on a glorious April morning.

It is sad to hear that Becky, Alex and Noah will be leaving us in the summer as Becky is to move to the parish of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme as Priest in Charge. It seems such a short time since they joined us and each of them has made such a difference to our Benefice. We congratulate Becky on her appointment and trust that, as the family will not be too far away, they will be able to stay in touch with all the friends that they have made here.

Following many thefts of lead from the roofs of churches the PCC made the decision to employ a Peterborough company to place an alarm system on the roof of St Peters. Thanks to the speed and agility of Carol Silverstone and Roger Peckover, who ensured that the roof, tower and gutters were clear of moss and weeds, everything was ready for the firm to begin the week following the decision. The system was installed and working within a day and has audible and visible alarms also monitored by the company, although if anybody sees anything suspicious, they should call the police.

*Jo Paxton*

## **UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP**

The History Group continues with its varied and interesting programme. On 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be fortunate to hear from Headland Archaeology the firm responsible for the A14 excavations. Press reports have referred to archaeology going back 6000 years with much from the Roman and Saxon periods. Visitors will be welcome (£4 charge includes refreshments).

The History Group is also looking at the potential for a project to record current village life in word and photograph in the year 2020. The idea is to leave a contemporary record for future villagers just as the villagers of the past have left a tangible record for us. Further information will follow, but we hope that many villagers, besides the History Group, will contribute to ensure that we touch on all aspects of village life.

*Mervyn Harvey*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Gill Shelford	812009
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
Chairman of Parish Council	Robin Howe	814393
Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
County Councillor	Terry Rogers	rogers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
District Councillors	Jill Tavener / Graham Bull	jill.tavener@huntingdonshire.gov.uk graham.bull@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Bilverstone	812447
High Street Hedgehogs	Jean Noble	814356
Home to Home	Pauline McLeod	814114
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Nene Valley Gliding Club	Peter Valentine	8541653
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	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jonny Wicks	07724 152382
Seated exercise	Tom Milner	info@oakactivities.com
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Anne-Marie Cracknell	812195
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