



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

AUGUST 2019 Issue 103



MEET & MUNCH's ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY

50 years ago, Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon and 50 years later Paul and Esther Rowley create their own homage to the event during the Meet & Munch lunch. See page 6 for details.

Diary of Events p2

Upwood Golf Society p5

Flower Festival photos p9

Performing Arts programme p14 Groups & Societies p5–7,10,11,13

Who's Who p15

Parish Council p3 &4

Scarecrows photos p8

St Peter's Church p10

Grand Fondo photos 2019 p16

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
August				
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
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 Prayer	8.30am – 8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly	Wed	Morning Coffee, all welcome	8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
3 Aug	Sat	Meet & Munch	3pm	UVH: Jan 814393
5 Aug	Mon	NO Parish Council Meeting		
13 Aug	Tues	NO U3A meeting		
18 Aug	Sun	Becky's final service followed by lunch	10am	St Peters & UVH: Jean 813742
18 Aug	Sun	UpUs – Music on The Waits	2pm	The Waits, St Ives
26 Aug	Mon	No Home to Home meeting		
27 Aug	Tues	Upwood Craft & Chat	1.30pm	UVH: Heather 814432
September				
2 Sept	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447
6 Sept	Fri	Upwood Golf Society Day	TBC	Lakeside, Pidley: Howard: hjnsuk@btinternet.com
7 Sept	Sat	Meet & Munch	3pm	UVH: Jan 814393
10 Sept	Tues	Ramsey U3A: Shaping the world – how the A14 was planned	2pm	Ramsey Community centre
18 Sept	Wed	History Group: Ramsey Abbey Archaeology	7.30 pm	UVH: Andrew 812447
19 Sept	Thus	UPA: Midnight Skyracer		Box office: Doug 07709 930398 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com
24 Sept	Tues	Upwood Craft & Chat	1.30pm	UVH: Heather 814432
28 Sept	Sat	Bug Hotel Building	10 - 12noon	Comm. Orchard: Liz 813008
30 Sept	Mon	Home to Home: All Strung Up	7.15pm	UVH: Pauline 814114
Forthcoming Events				
5 Oct	Sat	Meet & Munch: Lunch	1pm	UVH: Jan 814393
7 Oct	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447
16 Oct	Wed	Proposed History Group Visit Ely Cathedral	11am	
25 Oct	Fri	UPA: Chris While & Julie Matthews	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 07709 930398

Deadline for the October 2019 Newsletter is 15th September 2019

The parish council met in Upwood Village Hall on 13 May, 03 June and 01 July.

Councillors: Members were pleased to re-appoint Councillor Howe as Chairman of Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council; and, to co-opt Councillor Ian Ward who has lived in Upwood for approximately 20 years. The parish council has one remaining vacancy. Please apply to the parish clerk.

SID: The device was located on Huntingdon Road for the month of April. Of the 31,453 traffic movements recorded travelling towards Bury, 11.92% were in violation of the 40mph speed limit. 305 vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of 60mph and 8 of these were travelling in excess of 80mph. It was located in Little Raveley for the month of May. Of the 3,418 vehicle movements recorded travelling towards Huntingdon Road from Wennington, 4.67% were in violation of the 30mph speed limit and 48 vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of 40mph. Residents would like to see the speed limit reduced to 20mph through the village. All agreed that this would be desirable but that the results indicate that it could be difficult to justify significant investment, however councillors will formulate a potential future Local Highway Initiative Scheme for review at a later date. A technical issue resulted in the recording of data for only 19 days in June. Of the 11,063 vehicles approaching Upwood village from Bury (by Farm Close), 16.87% (1,866 vehicles) were travelling in excess of the 40mph speed limit. 920 vehicles were travelling between 50 and 60mph and a further 51 were recorded travelling between 60 and 72 mph. SID continues to provide valuable data and acts as a reminder to motorists. The parish council has therefore approved the purchase of a second SID.

Traffic, Highways and Road Safety: Revised plans for traffic calming measures in Great Raveley were presented by Councillor Slater. These are too complex to publish here but they are detailed in the minutes (on the noticeboards and at www.upwood.org). Great Raveley residents will be consulted prior to the next meeting. Residents must decide whether to sacrifice the look and feel of the village in favour of measures designed to enhance road safety; and all agreed that this would not be an easy decision. The chairman reminded members that speeding traffic in Great Raveley was one of the biggest issues identified in the Community Led Plan. Subject to consultation with residents, the parish council approved an application to the Local Highway Improvement Initiative (2020/2021) to upgrade the signage in Little Raveley to extend the 30mph zone on the approach from Wennington by approximately 25-50m with the addition of a 40mph buffer zone with dragon's teeth.

Annual Parish Meeting on 13 May: Fifteen reports were received from community groups, clubs and societies in addition to the annual reports from the chairman and clerk of the parish council, and our district and county councillors. The reports are published with the minutes and can be accessed on the parish website. The reports serve to illustrate and celebrate the diverse range of social and cultural activity on offer

in our community and the parish council is grateful to all who took the time to share an update of their activities.

Parish Maintenance: Councillors debated ongoing problems which have arisen since taking out the new contract. A meeting will be held with the contractor to address quality issues and to include those areas which have been overlooked.

Future Meetings: 02 September 07 October (please note that the parish council does not meet during the month of August). All are welcome to attend.

Detailed information pertaining to the business of the parish council may be found at www.upwood.org Please “like” the parish council’s facebook page for regular updates.

Your Council Needs You! Councillor responsibilities have been confirmed and are detailed below. Some changes will be made when the vacancy is filled and as the Community Led Plan is refreshed later this year. Notable omissions include liaisons for Farm Close and Fairmead. The chairman noted that he would like to provoke a reaction from these communities, either for residents to join the parish council or to engage with it. Great Raveley residents should note Councillor Twose’ offer to act as their liaison in the short term.

Carol Silverstone. Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Councillor	Portfolio Responsibilities
Mark Bacon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of youth involvement and engagement • Traffic, highways and road safety • Community Speed watch Coordinator
Jason Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish boundaries, ditches, footpaths, • Liaison with Upwood and the Raveleys Community Allotments Association
Robin Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman • Member of the finance working party
Jean Noble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play facilities • Health & Safety and risk management
Andrew Perkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Parish Trees • Parish land
Garth Slater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chairman (temporary appointment) • Member of the finance working party • Traffic, highways and road safety
Jodie Twose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning & related environmental matters • Liaison for Little Raveley • Liaison for Great Raveley (temporary appointment)
Ian Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Aesthetics: Grass and hedges • Maintenance and minor repairs to parish council property

UPWOOD GOLF SOCIETY



With the Cross Keys no longer available, a number of the village golfers have been asking “what is happening about the Golf Society”. Jon Hopkins and Howard Smith have decided to start the Upwood Golf Society. This will not be tied to any venue and will therefore be able to take advantage of alternative offers.

We will have our first Golf Day on 6th September 2019 at Lakeside (Pidley). The format will be a 9-hole team event on the Par 3, full English breakfast, 9-hole Texas Scramble and 9-hole individual Stableford on the Lodge course. There will be a three-course meal in the evening which will be held at the Ale House Kitchen in Ramsey (Matt and Ollie will both be playing on the day). We will be able to have guests join us in the evening as the venue is much larger and pricing will be around £60.00 for the day. We are also hoping to have transport back to the village organised as well.

Please let me know if you will be joining us or have any questions at **hjsuk@btinternet.com** and I will send you the full information. Also please let anyone who would be interested in a fun day's golf know about the event and give them my contact details. (Howard 711999, **hjsuk@btinternet.com**)

Howard and Jon

UPWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY



As we reflect on the past year, we recall some of the wonderful things we have done at Upwood Primary Academy. Our fabulous Christmas Play, creating something brilliant from a shoe box on Easter craft day and the amazing dances we performed on May Day to welcome in the Summer. We are all excited about what next year will bring.

The end of a school year is always tinged with sadness as our Year 6 pupils leave their Primary years behind and move onto Secondary Schools. Year 6 entertained us on their final day with their wonderful Leavers' Concert. Well done Year 6.

AND FINALLY....

We wish all of our school community; pupils, parents, carers and staff a wonderful summer break. Good Luck Year 6 as you prepare for Secondary School.

Lindsey Clarke

MEET & MUNCH

In June, Meet and Munch held their annual summer party. As it is 50 years since the first moon landing, it was decided to have a space theme. The table settings reflected the theme and there was even a moon cake. Fortunately, the food was not dehydrated and members enjoyed a delicious cooked lunch! As you see on the front page, there were some wonderful references to the moon landing and there was even a video of the landing. It was a very happy occasion thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



For any information about Meet and Munch please contact Jan Howe 814393.

Jan Howe

UPWOOD UKULELES



The UpU's are having a busy summer playing at various events across the area. We have already performed at Abbots Ripton Village Fete, Huntingdon & Godmacheater Twinning Association, Wisbech Rose Fair, Cambourne To Be Wild Music Festival and Manea Gala. We were also delighted to perform in the grounds of Carlton House as part of Upwood's Open Village Day.

We have one further summer outing – a free concert as part of Music on the Waits in St Ives on Sunday 18th August at 2.00pm.

Doug McLeod

RAMSEY U3A

There will be no General Meeting held in August for the Ramsey and District U3A as many members are on Grandparenting duty during the summer holidays. However, in September we meet again on the Second Tuesday at the Ramsey Community Centre when our speaker is addressing the subject 'Shaping the World, how the A14 upgrade has been planned,' For those of us who travel along the A14 and have watched the amazing road works this should prove to be a very informative afternoon. If you would like to join us on September 10th, we begin at 2:00pm and a small charge is made for tea and coffee.

Further information on our webpage www.ramseyu3a.org.uk

Enid Hubbard

OPEN VILLAGE DAY 2019

It was something of an experiment this year as we added further attractions to the ever-popular bi-annual Open Gardens day. The idea was to enable more people to be involved and although not many took advantage of the opportunity, those who did added to the success of the day

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful event. A lot of work was put in by all the garden owners, before and on the day, and the church was imaginatively and beautifully decorated by a group of parishioners using the words of the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' as their inspiration. The village hall became a hive of activity with maps and raffle tickets on sale, village art and craft displays, demonstrations and several commercial traders. Again, a lot of behind-the-scenes work went on before and on the day.

The catering team in the village hall provided wonderful refreshments throughout the day which were much appreciated by the flow of visitors.

Those who had opened their garages for garage sales had also worked hard to get their wares ready. The community orchard became home to a variety of scarecrows and proved to be a great attraction.

No-one could have missed the colourful advertising posters backed up with social media advertising which must have helped to bring in the visitors. The programme map of the village activities was a great help in guiding people around the village.

All in all, it was a case of many hands making lighter work.

Upwood presented itself to the public as a lovely attractive and active village and the day raised a total of £1160 to share between the two centres of our village community, the church and the village hall.

Well done everyone and thank you! Josephine Gaunt

SCARECROWS ON THE ALLOTMENTS DURING OPEN VILLAGE DAY—photos courtesy of Esther Rowley



ST PETER'S FLOWER FESTIVAL - ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL – photos courtesy of Doug McLeod



ST PETER'S CHURCH

The weekend of the 22nd / 23rd June was a busy one for St Peter's as the church held its annual Flower Festival providing its own floral tribute to the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' (see page 9). The simple setting and calm and peaceful atmosphere of St Peter's welcomed a number of visitors over the weekend; on Saturday a delicious selection of home-made cakes and scones served with tea and coffee were available. The church welcomed many visitors and many positive comments were received about the opportunity to spend an enjoyable day in a lovely village setting.

July has seen the installation of two new water butts at the front of the church. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of several parishioners these water butts have been installed, attached to the downpipe and filled with water (there having been no rain thus far to fill them). St Peter's is extremely fortunate that people who live in the village, whether or not they attend the church, are kind enough to give their time and energy when their skills are needed. The old water butt will be installed behind the church giving Mr Haddon, who provides the flowering tubs which make the church path such a feature, a ready supply of water to keep them looking beautiful throughout the year.

August will soon be upon us with the school holidays, Harvest and, sadly, the departure of Becky, Alex and Noah Dyball. Becky joined the Benefice Clergy Team three years ago and has been an innovative and energetic curate, with a particular interest in motivating the children, teenagers and young families to join the Church Family. The two children's concerts and also 'Eat, Play, Pray' on a Saturday morning provided a wonderful welcome to families of all ages. The Dyball family will be sadly missed and our loss is Sawtry, Glatton and Holme's gain.

Becky's final service at St Peters will be on August 18th. The service of Holy Communion will be held at the later time of 10am. The St Mary's congregation has been invited to join both the service and a 'Bring it and Share it' meal in the Village Hall after the service.

If anybody from Upwood or St Mary's would like to attend the service and/or meal the churchwardens would be grateful if you would let them know how many would like to come and what food they will be bringing.

Josephine Paxton

HOME TO HOME

Traditionally Home to Home doesn't meet in August so our next meeting will be on Monday 30th September when local musician Doug McLeod (my better half) will be our speaker. His talk is entitled 'All strung up' and I am sure that we will have an entertaining, musical evening. Doors open at 7.15pm and visitors are always sure of a warm welcome. Contact me on **814114** if you would like any further information.

Pauline McLeod

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The Community Orchard was delighted to host the Open Gardens Scarecrow Competition in June with a theme of 'All Things Bright & Beautiful'. We had some fantastic entries and our judge was hard-pressed to decide a winner, ending up with 2 – traditional and 'modern'. Congratulations to Lesley Owen for 'Miss Beautiful & Mr Bright' and to Liz Wilson for her very realistic (and scary) Spider's Web. See photos on page 8, but the spider is hard to see! Next year we hope to have another community Scarecrow Competition – the theme will be Nursery Rhymes – so, be warned!

We are hosting a Bug Hotel Building morning on Saturday 28 September from 10 – 12 noon in the Community Orchard. Come along and help build a Hotel for Bugs – children welcome, but no unaccompanied children under 14 years please. We will be using natural materials – hay, straw, twigs and leaves – plus recycled card and paper. Instructions will be available to help you build your own bug hotel to take home. If possible, bring some 'raw materials' with you. No charge, it's free!

Liz Carter

UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



The cold, wet weather in early June has now given way to warm summer at last. The rain has certainly benefited the early potato crop. Epicure and Pentland Javelin varieties have done especially well, yielding heavy crops. There are some giant onions on display, healthy parsnips and asparagus too. Gooseberries, redcurrants and blackcurrants have swelled, but the strawberries have somewhat suffered from lack of recent rain. We've now picked beans various, courgettes, blackcurrants, carrots and asparagus although be aware there has been an infestation of Asparagus Beetle – black & yellow beetles (similar to Lily beetles). The RHS recommends removing these by hand before they fall off and lay larvae in the soil.

It is lovely to see the efforts of some of the allotment holders who have planted wild flowers to attract insects. Paul has been involved in recording the numbers and movements of bees and other insects as part of the Pollinating Monitoring Scheme. This requires counting insect numbers for 10 minutes each day, recording the weather conditions and inputting data to a central PMS website. Paul also has some interesting bee houses which he has placed on his allotment. Perhaps his efforts could inspire us all to do the same!

Lesley Owen

For more information about events in the orchard and about the allotments
Contact Liz Carter: **813008** or **lizcarter261@btinternet.com**

A POLITE REQUEST TO ALL PARISH RESIDENTS

PLEASE

If your property borders public pavements would you kindly make sure that your hedges and plants do not over-hang the paths, making it impossible to manoeuvre pushchairs, bikes wheelchairs & mobility scooters, without going onto the road.

Pedestrians should also be able to walk around the parish without worrying about getting snagged by hedges and plants growing over and overhanging the paths.

THANK YOU!

ADVERTISING IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Every now and again this newsletter receives requests to promote local businesses. From the very beginning the newsletter committee adopted a policy not to carry business advertising. Other local publications with more available print space and bigger circulation do carry advertising and may well be able to help.

However, the newsletter team is happy to insert loose A5 fliers which will then be delivered inside the newsletter.

To do this you would need get the content checked by the committee and then print 560 A5 fliers, ready for distribution. The cost for delivery is currently £20. If you are interested the editors will give you further contact details.

RAF BENEVOLENT FUND

The Welfare Projects' Manager for the RAF Benevolent fund has contacted the Parish Clerk about the RAF Benevolent Fund - a leading welfare charity for those serving and those who have served in the RAF, as well as their families. They are keen to identify any one who may need their help, realising that too often pride and self-reliance holds veterans back from seeking the support available. To overcome this reticence, they are launching a publicity campaign.

More information is on their website **www.rafbf.org** and will be on **www.upwood.org** If you know anyone in need of help then contact **0300 102 1919**.

RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

St Thomas a Becket Church was full for our concert 'Feel the Spirit' with Ramsey Junior School. 'Feel the Spirit' is an arrangement of spirituals by John Rutter and the children sang with us for some of them. They also performed 2 songs of their own and RCS sang 3 folk songs. The children were fantastic and it was a pleasure to sing with them. A very enjoyable afternoon ended with tea and cakes.

The Choral Society starts rehearsals for our Autumn Concert on September 5th and new members are always welcome.

Contact Jackie **710792** or visit our **Facebook Page**.

Pat Sutton

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

In a change to our published programme for May, Matt Hamilton, Senior Reserves Manager (Cambs) for The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire stepped in at the last minute and gave a fascinating talk. He tailored his talk to our parish - highlighting a possible historical relationship of our fields and woods with Ramsey Abbey and illustrating how the ancient coppicing of Lady's Wood now provides an ideal habitat for fungi, insects, native bluebells and other plants and flowers that form the woodland floor.

He described how Upwood Meadows, now a National Nature Reserve and designated SSI Site, has existed as preserved grasslands over several hundred years. This prolonged management is very rare in the UK and has allowed an unusually rich diversity of flora. Today, mainly due to its almost unique continual and ongoing management by grazing alone. The habitat supports over 200 plant species. We also heard how our local elm trees, resulting from an historical cross over of elm species, are thought to be resistant to Dutch Elm disease.

This talk highlighted two aspects of local history: first how historically important our local green environment is and how we should not overlook this as part of our history and secondly that history is not all buildings and events.

Mervyn Harvey

Kimbolton Visit: A small group of history group members visited Kimbolton for an evening guided visit and enjoyed a detailed trip around old Kimbolton, the area behind the main high street, seeing how the village has developed over many years. The History Group had visited several years ago but some members were surprised how many different aspects were covered on this visit. The tour finished in the church to view the rare stained-glass windows and enjoy welcome drinks and biscuits.

Mike Quincey



Upwood Village Hall Performing Arts Events Autumn / Winter 2019 - 2020 Programme



Tickets now on sale for all concerts



Midnight Skyracer **Thursday 19th 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 25th 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 14th November** **£13.00**

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



Jez Lowe Christmas **Thursday 12th 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 9th January** **£13.00**

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



Ninebarrow **Thursday 6th 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 27th March** **£15.00**

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

Box Office: 07709 930398 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

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
Table Tennis Club	Jack Holloway	711551
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Craft & Chat Group	Heather Wakefield	814432
Upwood Golf Society	Howard Smith	711999
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood Academy PTA	Holly Piaggese	holly321@live.co.uk
UVH Performing Arts Events Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475

The edit Editorial Team: Lesley Gee 815816; Judith Harvey 710219; Pauline McLeod 814114:

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS
upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for the October 2019 issue is 15th September 2019

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

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

THE GRAND FONDO TRAVELS THROUGH THE PARISH
Photos courtesy of Esther Rowley & Chris Shaw

