









# **Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter**

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#### CROSS KEYS REOPENS AS A 'SMOKE HOUSE'



The Cross Keys reopened its doors in June. Owner Hayley Huskinson spent her furloughed time redecorating the public house inside and out and it now sports a very modern look whilst retaining its traditional features. As a 'smoke house' it offers smoked meats, but also caters for vegetarians and vegans - the menu includes glutenfree chips! The reopening has been popular, and Hayley has been kept busy in the kitchen. She advises booking via her website or Facebook page to be sure of a table.

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Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and	Varies	See Church notice board
		type of service varies		
Weekly	Mon &	Seated Exercise	9.45am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com
	Fri			
Weekly	Tues	Upwood Table Tennis Club	7.30pm	UVH: Jack 711511
	& Wed		2.30pm	
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer	8.30 –	UVH: Jean 813742
			8.50am	
Weekly	Wed	Breakfast Club, all welcome	9.00am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly	Wed	Little Mess	11am	UVH: Leanne 07395051698
Until the er	nd of Septe	mber on Thurs/Sat/Sun: the Treasures	of Ramsey	Abbey @ Ramsey Rural Museum
		August		
4 <sup>th</sup> ,11 <sup>th</sup> ,	Wed	Great Fen: Family Fun in the Fen:	10.30 or	710420 or
18 <sup>th</sup>		members £5, non-members £7.50,	1.30pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events
		adults/ babes-in-arms free		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Great Fen: Butterflies through time:	10.30 or	710420 or
		members £5, non-members £7.50,	1.30pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events
		adults/babes-in-arms free		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Great Fen: International Bat Night	8.15pm	710420 or
		Guided Walk: members £10, non-		www.wildlifebcn.org/events
		members £15		
		Santambar		
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6th	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	UVH: Carol Bilverstone: 07835
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Upwood Golf Society golf day:	TBA	939547: parishclerk@upwood.org Howard: hjnsuk@btinternet.com;
10	Fri	contact Howard to enter	IBA	07770847953
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mod	Local History: Mark Knight	7.30pm	UVH: lan 710702
From 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed Fri	, ,	10.30am	
From 17"	Fri	Great Fen: Little Bugs events for pre- schoolers every Friday: members £4,	10.30am	710420 or
		non-members £5, adults/babes free		www.wildlifebcn.org/events
24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	UVHPA: Granny's Attic	7.45pm	Doug: 07709930398
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Home to Home: 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	7.43pm	UVH: Pauline 814114
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3rd 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sun			lan: 710702
4***	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	UVH: Carol Bilverstone: 07835
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Croot Fon. An ovening with David	7000	939547: parishclerk@upwood.org On-line talk: 710420 or
14	Thurs	Great Fen: An evening with Dave	7pm	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Cr	Goulson – Saving our insects	0.20===	www.wildlifebcn.org/events
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	St Peter's Harvest Festival	9.30am	St Peter's: Jean 813742
7130	Thurs	UVHPA: Salt House	7.45pm	UVH: Doug :07709930398

# Deadline for the October 2021 Newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**



The parish council held its first face to face meeting since March 2020 on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Councillors:** The parish council acknowledged with regret the resignation of Councillor Chattaway. Two vacancies remain. Please apply to the parish clerk.

**SIDs in May & June:** The three SID traffic monitoring machines have, as usual, been located around the parish: owing to lack of space in this edition of the newsletter the May and June SID figures can be seen on the parish council pages of the upwood.org website. (editor)

**Speed Management Strategies:** Community Speedwatch training (a 90-minute online course) will take place in late July/August. Speedwatch activity is completely flexible, being dependent upon members' commitments. Sessions typically last for one hour. Councillor Bonnett-Kolakowska noted that she has registered for "HGV Watch", a new scheme backed by the police but led by local volunteers. Residents wishing to volunteer for either or both initiatives, or request further information are invited to contact Councillor Bonnett-Kolakowska (gemma.bk@upwood.org / 07885 764989).

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has introduced a Safer Speeds Team who will identify hotspots of concern. SID data from this parish will be submitted to this taskforce on a monthly basis. Councillors were pleased to note that the parish council's application to the Local Highways Improvement Initiative 2021-2022 for an additional SID has been successful. Plans to apply for speed reduction on Huntingdon Road will be reviewed in September.

Planning: The parish council has ongoing concerns for the development of RAF Upwood (reference:21/00572/FUL). The developer has been informed of a number of deficiencies and has been asked to revise the transport study (which directly impacts infrastructure considerations). It is hoped that the speed indicator device (SID) data gathered in this parish will now be used to support traffic analysis. The application remains in abeyance. 31 homes on this development will be located in this parish on a new street which it is proposed to name "Jubilee Close". The parish council also has concerns for the proposed development of 28 new homes in Farm Close. Residents are urged to make their views known via Huntingdonshire District Council's planning portal. Community Matters: Councillor Edwards thanked councillors and a handful of residents for supporting "The Great British Spring Clean" and added that 10 bags of litter had been collected. The chairman expressed disappointment in the extremely poor response from residents who had been hopelessly outnumbered by councillors. All agreed that the timing was not ideal and that it would have been more effective earlier in the year. Councillors thanked two members of the public for the refurbishment of the cemetery gates. Plans are underway to repair and re-paint the windows of the chapel of rest.

Launching the "Create Your Space" summer competition: Looking for something to keep your children busy during the summer holidays? Why not get them to enter the parish council's create your dream play space competition? The parish council would love to hear from our younger residents, as to what their dream play space looks like! Put your dream design to paper and email to rebecca.mashford@upwood.org with the subject line: CREATE YOUR SPACE. Remember to include your name, age category (under 8s, 8–12, and 13+), address, and where your design would go. It can be sited at either Fairmead Park, Farm Close, Bentley Close play area or the Upwood playing field. If your entry makes the shortlist, we will be in touch with you after the competition closes on 1st September. More details of this exciting opportunity to have an impact on your parish's open spaces, plus the terms and conditions of entry, can be found on the Upwood & The Raveleys parish council Facebook page.

**Future Meetings:** 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

Carol Bilverstone. Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer



We last met in person on Monday 24th February 2020 in the village hall for our delayed AGM. Little did we know that we wouldn't be together again for

16 months! During the interim period we have been keeping in touch via a monthly email, but it wasn't anything like the same as being able to chat together, so it felt really good to be able to meet up just outside the Community Orchard on Monday 12th July 2021.

The weather forecast kept us on tenterhooks throughout the day and it wasn't until 3pm that the final decision was taken that we could chance meeting up. Everyone had already been asked to bring their own chair and any refreshments that they thought they might need for our extra special afternoon meeting, but an umbrella was added to the list. Fortunately, we were blessed with a very sunny couple of hours, and 17 members and 3 guests really enjoyed each other's company. Nothing was on the agenda, we just enjoyed chatting and actually being able to see each other "in the flesh". We adhered to Government guidelines, but the distance didn't stop us from having a laugh, or from buying the sweet peas and cucumbers that Josie had brought with her, (she's always looking for ways to raise funds for the 2020 memorial seat!)

Our next meeting will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7.30pm in the village hall (Government guidelines permitting) and will be our 40th anniversary celebration (only a year late). Doug and Geoff will be presenting their own unique version of a murder mystery evening — what a great way to re-start Home to Home meetings. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this ladies' group — Pauline **814114.** 

#### UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The History Group is planning to restart meetings in the Village Hall in the autumn with speakers who have kindly agreed to reschedule from our programme which was brought to a halt by the Covid restrictions.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be extremely lucky to have Mark Knight returning to talk about the follow-up work on the Must Farm project. This continues our long association with this significant international project.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be fortunate to hear Emma West, the Project Manager from Headland Archaeology responsible for the A14 excavation follow up work. Emma has particular interests in the Saxon and medieval periods, and the discoveries from these periods revealed by the A14 excavations will be her focus for the evening.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome to attend our meetings, which are held in Upwood Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Mervyn Harvey; Programme committee member

# **UPWOOD TABLE TENNIS CLUB**



The committee is pleased to announce that:

- 1. There is no longer a restriction on the number of people in the hall, removing the need to pre-book.
- 2. Doubles games will be played again.
- 3. The wearing of face masks is down to personal preference.
- 4. The attendance fee of £2 per person per session is being reinstated.
- 5. Tuesday sessions will be 7:30pm 9:30pm and Wednesday from 2:30pm 4:30pm
- 6. As good practice we will continue to do "track and trace" and encourage the use of hand gel.
- We have decided against using the kitchen for now, so please continue to bring your own drinks.

The committee is looking forward to seeing everyone back playing after our enforced break. However, we will continue to monitor Government and Table Tennis England guidance, so we may need to make further changes in the future as we continue to combat the pandemic.

If you have never been to the table tennis club but would like to, or even if you just want to find out more, please contact **Jack** on **711551** and he will be delighted to enlighten you.

Ann Deaville, secretary

#### 2020 COMMEMORATIVE SEAT



It's not too late to donate to the Upwood 2020 commemorative seat fund. Josie Gaunt is spearheading the campaign to erect at least one additional seat somewhere in the village of Upwood. She originally thought of the idea last year when she noticed how many more people were walking around the village and felt that an extra place to rest would be much appreciated by some of the older walkers. She and husband Ian have

been selling plants and produce at their garden gate for the past year and, together with donations that have resulted form previous articles, she has £187 – unfortunately this falls far short of the £500 she believes we need to raise to buy a seat and then pay to have it installed professionally.

If you would like to help make Josie's wish come true, and have a permanent, tangible reminder of the past 16 months please deliver your donation in cash or cheque (made payable to Upwood and the Raveleys Local History Group) in a sealed envelope with your name and address on it to **Judith Harvey, 48 High Street Upwood** (opposite the Cross Keys PH).

#### **UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL**



With the government lifting the final Coronavirus restrictions on 19 July, Upwood Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce that the hall is now fully open and the restrictions that were in place such as access to the main toilets and kitchen are now lifted.

However, as always, the safety of the hall users will remain our priority so we will continue to maintain an enhanced cleaning

regime for the foreseeable future and we will still provide a hand sanitiser in the foyer. The 'Track and Trace' QR Code will also be retained for the time being in accordance with the government's 'best practice' guidance.

As we start to adapt to the 'New Normal' we would also kindly ask that hirers continue to be vigilant and observe good practice in terms of hygiene and sanitation, and ensure that there is fresh air ventilation in the hall at all times.

The management committee will continue to monitor the guidance coming down from government and if the situation changes, we will inform hirers accordingly.

To hire the village hall please contact Bob 815475

Welcome back to the village hall!

Stephen Howes, Chairman

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH

This year has continued to be one of change for all of us and for St Peters it has been the same. We have been blessed with Helen, who has been coming in on a weekly basis to keep the church clean, along with our hardworking Churchwardens who have made regular checks to make sure that all is well with the building and that the tapes which maintain the social distancing are in place. As far as we are aware there has, as yet, been no guidance as to when live music and singing will be permitted. It will be up to individuals as to the wearing of masks and we will not be serving tea and biscuits after the service until further notice. We look forward to starting up the Breakfast Club again but we need to find out when we can book in to the village hall.

As ever our thanks must go to the Parish Council and Peter Haddon who continue to make the Churchyard a beautiful and peaceful place to visit and to spend quiet time. As to the future. the PCC met in the Church in July and there were a number of things under discussion. It is unlikely that the Christmas Tree Festival will take place in the way that we have been used to. I am sure that many people, like me, will be very disappointed as I found it amazing for Christmas presents and it was such a happy occasion. However, the forward planning would need to be started now and the future is too uncertain. Watch this space for a different celebration.

St Peters Harvest festival will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> and is hoping to hold an Advent Carol Service as well as our usual Christmas one. We hope that we will still be able to hold our Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve.

For some time now there has been an aging congregation, but there are now young families in the village who have expressed an interest in coming to church; we have discussed this and feel that there could be a family Communion Service which would be more suitable for younger families which could start in September and would be on the third Sunday in the month.

If there is a 5th Sunday in the month a Benefice Service takes place. It is held in rotation by St Thomas a Becket, St Mary's and St Peters and starts at 10am instead of the usual 9.30am. October 31st 2021 is a 5th Sunday and as far as the Church calendar is concerned is All Souls Day. The following day is known as All Saints Day by the church fraternity. With the last 18 months having been both dark and stressful the PCC discussed holding a service of celebration of the lives of those who have gone before and are no longer with us. The form that this service might take will be discussed at the next PCC meeting, but it was felt that it would be an ideal opportunity to hold be a very positive and moving celebration.

Let us hope that we can end this year on a more joyful note.

Jo Paxton

## CREAM TEAS ON CHURCH LANE IN AID OF MNDA

photos courtesy of Andrew Perkins and Carol Bilverstone



During the afternoon of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Timbers, 5 Church Lane Upwood, was the place to be. Kimberley and Paul opened their garden and were serving cream



teas on behalf of the Motor Disease Association Neurone (MNDA). They had been extremely busy during the previous week getting the garden ready for a covid-safe, weather-proof tea party which included putting up a large gazebo – and that doesn't take into account baking the scones and making all the sandwiches! All the previous week the weather forecast had been very 'iffy' but on the day they were blessed with a

fine and sunny day. The afternoon was divided into 3 sessions, with a maximum of 20 guests, able to enjoy a very tasty tea consisting of sandwiches, scones, jam, cream and meringues, with copious cups of tea served by Kimberley, Paul, Jill and Michelle.

I asked Kimberley why she had decided to put on this wonderful fund-raising event, and she said it arose from her friendship with Carol & Andrew Bilverstone. Last year when she heard about Andrew contracting MND (he got the diagnosis in May 2020) she felt compelled to do something to help his cause and believed that putting on a cream tea would not only give her the chance to raise



awareness and funds for the MND association, but also give her a good excuse to use the china tea services that she loves to collect! Kimberley said that she could not have put on the teas without the amazing help of Jill, Jo and Michelle. She described Jill as a 'diamond' and said that without her help and support she just would not have managed.

Andrew and Carol were the 'guests of honour' for the afternoon and although he was unable to partake of the lovely food, Andrew thought that it looked fantastic and was



well received. When I asked Andrew for his reaction to the event he said, (via his computer, nicknamed a 'speakinator' after Josh (aged 9) called it that) he thought "it was wonderful of Kimberley and Paul to think of me and my battle with MND". He continued that "creating a village event in idyllic surroundings brought people together and grew awareness of MND. Currently, MND has no cure, but while we have hope, let's find a cure! Events like this take us ever closer to a cure".

I also asked Carol for her

reaction to this amazing occasion. She said that she originally met Kimberley through dog walking. "Since Andrew's diagnosis Kimberley has been hugely supportive, but one day she took me completely by surprise when she

announced her plans for an afternoon tea. She had already contacted the MND Association to organise collection boxes, information leaflets for the tables and marketing materials. Kimberley and her team of helpers really went to town waiting at tables decked with china tea services and flowers. The beautiful setting lent itself perfectly to an intimate yet covid safe event! I'd like to say a huge thank you to



Kimberley, Paul and their team, and to all who supported the event by attending or by offering donations. My mantra before Andrew's diagnosis, and even more so since, is that we are so, so lucky to live in Upwood - everyone continues to be so supportive."

Kimberley is incredibly grateful and would like to extend her thanks to everyone who contributed in any way – including the person who put an

anonymous donation of £40 through her door the day after the tea party. The total collected so far is £600. If you were unable to attend or would just like to donate to such a worthwhile cause, it's not too late. Just pop your donation through the letterbox of 5 Church Lane and Kimberley and Paul will forward it to the MNDA. Thank you!



The Great Fen team is excited to be welcoming back so many of our wildlife lovers this summer. With the weather warming, our nature reserves are busy with birdsong, bees buzzing, dragonflies zipping along the water and flowers in abundance. They're always open and free to access so please take time to explore the beautiful sites at Ramsey Heights, Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen. We also have some excellent events for all ages coming up over the next couple of months so we hope you will join us. Please note, we can no longer accept walk-ins at events, everything must be pre-booked online to ensure everyone's safety. Remember all proceeds support your local Wildlife Trust, helping us with our work and mission to stop the decline of local wildlife.



# Family Fun in the Fen: dates in the diary of events p2

Each Wednesday in August at 10.30am or 1.30pm we'll be offering a variety of nature-themed events to introduce the wonderful world of wildlife at the Great Fen. We could be bug hunting, pond dipping, sweep netting, den building, following nature trails and creating your own crafts to take home.

photo Frankie Dines

# Little Bugs: dates in the diary of events p2

The Great Fen Little Bugs events are packed with wildlife activities for pre-schoolers. Join us every Friday in term time from 10.30am for a morning of exploration, discovery and crafting.

# Butterflies Through Time: date in the diary of events p2

Journey through time as we discover the butterflies of Woodwalton Fen National Nature Reserve, past, present and future, with an Invertebrates expert from the University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge. This guided walk is free of charge but places will fill fast so book your places soon!

# International Bat Night Guided Walk: date in the diary of events p2

In celebration of International Bat Night, join us as we survey the bats of Woodwalton Fen and learn how we carry out our wildlife monitoring. Use a bat detector to identify the many species of bats, learn about the habitats they live in and their varied lifestyles.

# An Evening with Dave Goulson – Saving our Insects

With insect populations declining rapidly, renowned author and bumblebee specialist, Professor Dave Goulson, presents this online talk about how we can tackle this crisis. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm. £6 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £8 non-members.

Pre-booking is essential to manage numbers and all events will need to be booked online. Please visit **www.wildlifebcn.org/events** or call **710420** for more information.

# UPWOOD RESIDENT RUNNING HALF MARATHON FOR CHARITY

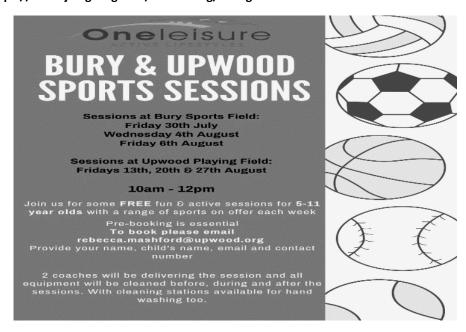


George Mumford can often be seen pounding the streets of Upwood and now we know why. He is training for the Cambridge Half Marathon on 17<sup>th</sup> October and is running on behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK. George has always been a keen long-distance runner but has chosen to run for the charity on this occasion after a close family member was recently diagnosed with vascular dementia. He wants to try and do 'his bit' to help the charity to achieve their aim of finding a lifechanging treatment for the disease by 2025.

George likes to run laps of the village because it includes a couple of inclines that build strength for racing on flatter courses. He also enjoys staying local, because over the years, he has enjoyed the interaction with other villagers, in particular the dog walkers, who always say 'hello'. He also enjoys running on the grass slopes up Meadow Road and up through the allotments - doing at least 50% of his training on

grass can help to avoid injury.

If anyone would like to sponsor George, you can do so at: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/George-Munford



#### UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



The allotment experience has provided a life line for those of us who have struggled during the last 18 months to maintain our equilibrium. Harmonising with the natural world outdoors has benefited tenants.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the 'meet and greet' event, but understand that it was very successful in encouraging both old and new

members to establish friendships, share information and expertise. A list of suggestions was drawn up by the tenants to improve existing facilities and introduce new ones. Already set up is a communal area alongside the hedge adjoining the orchard where surplus materials can be donated and shared. Suggestions were made to support community funding of water containers and a central area tool store. Children offered suggestions for a play area too, as well as various competitions. It is hoped that new members will be encouraged to join the committee.

All plots on the allotment are currently taken and there is a waiting list for new members. All the vegetable crops look very healthy and well-tended. Newly mown grass paths traverse the orchard area and have allowed the wild flower meadow to flourish with attractive flowers, humming with insects and butterflies. Apples are developing well and fruit bushes have produced a reasonable crop, despite having to cope with a long, hard winter and inclement spring.

There have been some changes to the access onto the site. The main entrances from Meadow Road and Huntingdon Road are for vehicles and pedestrians along the track. Other entrances have recently been gated and locked by tenants.

Lesley Owen

## A POLITE REQUEST TO ALL PARISH RESIDENTS

# Many thanks to those who have already done so but.....PLEASE....

If your property borders public pavements, would you please make sure that your hedges and plants do not over-hang the paths, making it impossible to manoeuvre pushchairs, 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 the paths, and protruding at face level.

# **THANK YOU!**

#### **UPWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY**

It has been a brilliant final term at Upwood Primary Academy.



Our students have wasted no time getting back into lots of fun and engaging activities this term. We were delighted to have a visit from our friends at Zoolab, who brought a range of exciting animals into our classrooms and allowed some of our brave Year 6 students to touch and hold them. It was great to see a smile on everyone's face and to see our children taking part in exciting experiences again.

We celebrated World Earth Day and some of our

pupils explored the different ways we can help look after our beautiful planet. They worked together to build a water wall in our outdoor learning area using recycled bottles. The children also dressed up as their favourite book characters in celebration of World Book Day. Everyone put in a brilliant effort with their outfits this year. As part of their topic work, our Year 6 students learnt about the Ancient Greek theatres, created comedy and tragedy





masks, and made Ancient Greek clay pottery. The students also came into school wearing their England tops to show support for the England team making the semi-finals of the Euros. There were a lot of happy faces and excitement before the match!

We would like to thank our amazing staff, parents and wider community for the endless support they have shown which has made the end to this year extremely special. We are now going on a well-deserved

summer break and we can't wait to see what fun activities the next academic year brings. To find out more about Upwood Primary Academy, visit https://www.upa.education/

Sam Ladds, Senior Account Executive



At the moment we are open on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holidays from 2.00 to 5.00 pm with the last entry at 4.00 pm. Now that the restrictions are being eased, we are considering reopening on Thursdays. We will decide on this when we see how the relaxing of the rules progresses.

The exhibition 'Treasures of Ramsey Abbey' in the Whitehall barn was opened on 3 July by Lord and Lady de Ramsey. It will run until the end of September. This exhibition is the conclusion of a three-year archaeological project by the Warboys Archaeological group to define the extent and details of the monastery at Ramsey. It includes newly discovered artefacts and descriptions of how the project was carried out. This exhibition alone is well worth a visit to the museum.

Starting on July 24<sup>th</sup> there will Children's Archaeological digs. These will be fun as well as introducing the children to history. Our next planned event is the Plough Day and Country Fair on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Depending on the way that opening from lockdown develops, we hope to arrange other events.

Over the lockdown period we have reviewed our volunteer base and identified areas where we need help. If you think that you could help, please consider volunteering. You do not have to attend regularly but only give the time that you have available. We can utilise any skills but have particular needs in the following areas:

staffing the reception and tea room especially at weekends (2-5 pm). Training will be given as needed: individuals to carry out conservation and restoration of the artefacts both the large implements in the external displays and the smaller items in the internal display; administration, particularly finance; marketing and public relations; maintenance of the displays; recording, cataloguing and researching the artefacts

If you would like to help, please contact Ian Gaunt 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

# **UPW00D VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**



The box office is now open for ticket sales for our Autumn / Winter 2021 programme of concerts featuring the best artists from across the world of acoustic, folk and Americana music.

Granny's Attic	Friday 24th September	7.45pm	£14.00
Salt House	Thursday 21st October	7.45pm	£14.00
Fara	Thursday 28th October	7.45pm	£17.00
Daoiri Farrell	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	7.45pm	£15.00

Box Office: 07709 93039 / uvhperformingarts@upwood.org

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone	
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	Graham Bull	graham.bull@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114	
History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702	
Home to Home	Pauline McLeod	814114	
Little Mess	Leanne Maguire	07395 051698;	
		leannemcguire1996@gmail.com	
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393	
Nene Valley Gliding Club	Peter Valentine	8541653	
Parish Clerk	Carol Bilverstone	07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org	
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006	
Ramsey Camera Club	Trevor Brown	711541	
Ramsey Choral Society	Lynne Paul	07738610524.	
		Lynnepaul62@gmail.com.	
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	Heather Wakefield	814432	
Upwood Golf Society	Howard Smith	07770847953: hjnsuk@btinternet.com	
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008	
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Ramsey Rural	815715; treasurer@ramseyrural	
	Museum	museum.co.uk	
Upwood Academy	Rachel Allerton	Rachel.Allerton@athene-	
		communications.co.uk	
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### LITTLE MESS



Every Wednesday morning from 11am -12 noon you can find Leanne, and a number of tots and their mums. having great fun getting messy. Large trays are filled with а wide textures variety of including gel, sand, shells, water, foam and playdough, which the children can explore. Leanne, trained teacher, felt that there was a huge need for



exploratory play for little ones, especially following the year we have just experienced, and decided to try to fill the gap. The messy play sessions are going really well, with one



mum travelling from Peterborough to join in the fun.

Leanne said that it's always best to contact her first before turning up for a session, but new people are always very welcome. Jade, one of the mums said, "I came because it is local and gives me a chance to meet other local mums. It also means that Ethan can



get messy here and I don't have to clear up the mess at home." All that fun and no clearing up – what are you waiting for?

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