



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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UPWOOD GOLF SOCIETY'S GOLF DAY AT PIDLEY IS GREAT SUCCESS



Photo courtesy of Doug McLeod (who couldn't be behind & in front of the camera!)

Having to wait over a year to take to the greens for this annual outing of villagers and friends didn't dampen their enthusiasm. As has become the norm, the day was finished off with a meal and prize giving ceremony at the Ale House Kitchen, Ramsey. See report on page 5 for more details of this event & how you could be part of it in the future.

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DIARY OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2021 / NOVEMBER 2021

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	usually 9.30am	See Church notice board
Weekly	Mon & Fri	Seated Exercise	9.30am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com
Weekly	Tues & Wed	Upwood Table Tennis Club	7.30pm 2.30pm	UVH: Jack 711511
Weekly	Thurs	Morning Prayer – not starting just yet, see noticeboard for update	8.30 – 8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly (term-time only)	Fri	Great Fen: Little Bugs @ the Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights	10.30 – 12 noon	GF.: www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
October				
4th	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Bilverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
14 th	Thurs	Great Fen: An evening with Dave Goulson – Saving our insects	7pm	On-line talk: 710420 or www.wildlifebcn.org/events
17 th	Sun	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	10am	St Peter's: Jean 813742
17 th	Sun	George Mumford's charity half marathon		www.justgiving.com/fundraising/George-Mumford
18 th	Mon	Home to Home – members' evening with Jean. NB change of usual date	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline: 814114
20 th	Weds	Great Fen: Wednesday Wander: Woodwalton Fen	10 – 12 noon	G.F.: www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
21 st	Thurs	UVHPA: Salt House	7.45pm	UVH: Doug: 07709 93039
26 th	Tues	Craft & Chat	2pm	UVH: Heather: 814432
27 th	Weds	Great Fen: Spooky Spiders	10 – 3pm	G.F.: www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
28 th	Thurs	UVHPA: Fara	7.45pm	UVH: Doug: 07709 93039
31 st	Sun	Benefice Service with Holy Communion	10am	St Peter's: Jean 813742
November				
1 st	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Bilverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
11 th	Thurs	UVHPA: Daoiri Farrell	7.45pm	UVH: Doug: 07709 93039
14 th	Sun	Remembrance Day service	10am	St Peter's: Jean 813742
16 th	Tues	Great Fen: A Year in the Life of a Great Fen M & R Officer (Online Talk)	7 - 8.30pm	G.F.: www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
17 th	Wed	History Soc: Headland Archaeology	7.30pm	UVH: Ian 710702
29 th	Mon	H2H: Running a local newspaper	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline: 814114
30 th	Tues	Craft & Chat	2pm	UVH: Heather 814432
Forthcoming Events				
6 th Dec	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Bilverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
17 th Dec	Fri	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas concert	TBC	UVH: Doug: 814114
18 th Dec	Sat	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas concert	TBC	UVH: Doug: 814114

Deadline for the December 2021 Newsletter is 15th November 2021

PARISH COUNCIL



Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council met on 6th September.

Councillors: Councillor David Awit was co-opted to the parish council.

He reflected on the warm welcome he and his family had received having re-located from London earlier this year and outlined his desire to share his extensive professional expertise and personal interests to contribute to the protection and evolution of this thriving community. One vacancy remains. Please apply to the parish clerk.

SIDs in July & August: A technical issue prevented timely download of data from the devices which are now known as MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs). Four additional MVAS post locations were agreed including one in Little Raveley.

Speed Management Strategies:

The speed and traffic survey generated 108 responses. 88% of respondents live in Upwood; 8.3% in Great Raveley; and 3.7% live in Little Raveley. Residents' main concerns are as follows: 74.1% speeding; 54.6% volume of traffic; 48.1%; safety; and 40.7% HGVs. The results will be used to develop speed reduction and traffic management initiatives; to support the parish council in Local Highway Improvement Initiative (LHI) applications, speed reduction initiatives; and to provide evidence for partner organisations. Residents were thanked for supporting this initiative (no personal data was collected during this process).

Councillors approved an application to reduce the speed limit on Huntingdon Road from 40mph to 30mph; and on Ramsey Road from 50mph to 40mph (the damaged speed limit signs across the parish will not be replaced whilst the speed reduction application is in progress). Councillors also approved an LHI application for the completion of the traffic calming measures in Great Raveley (with an additional build-out on the approach from Wood Walton).

The pavement along Huntingdon Road was due to be re-laid in 2024 but the county council has confirmed that this has been brought forward for urgent attention.

Community Matters: an update on strategies to improve the provision of play and recreation facilities for children and young people; and the review of entries to the "Create your Space" children's competition to design their dream playground were deferred until the October meeting.

Parish Maintenance: The re-wilding of highway verges will be considered in conjunction with a review of the parish maintenance contract over the coming months.

Future Meetings: 4th October, 1st November. 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

2020 COMMEMORATIVE SEAT - WELL DONE UPWOOD



Thanks to the many generous donations to the Upwood Commemorative Seat fund we are now able to go ahead with the purchase of, not only the main seat, but a smaller bench seat as well.



The proposed site for the main seat is alongside the existing RAF memorial plaque in Longholme Road. A suitable site for the 'bench for weary walkers' has not been decided and suggestions are welcome. Please contact me on **710702**

We shall need some hard standing and if anyone has some spare paving slabs to get rid of, they would be useful. Please contact me (as above). I would like to add my personal thanks to all those who have helped my idea come to fruition.

Josie Gaunt



Our first meeting back in the village hall took place on Monday 27th September and was a delayed 40th anniversary celebration for the club. As this article is being written before the meeting, I can't actually tell you about the meeting itself, but the fact that Doug and Geoff were due to be dressing up as Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson (they were only too happy to return to their panto days) I think we can assume that a good time was had by all as the 'dynamic duo' presented their own unique 'take' on a murder mystery evening.

On 18th October founding member Jean will be leading us as she helps us to create Christmas tree decorations involving houses. November 29th sees Pauline & Darren Williams speaking to us about their venture into journalism. The couple started and continue to run the Ramsey Informer and they will be telling us about their experiences.

Visitors are very welcome to attend our meetings. We ask you to pay £3 to help with the costs of running the club. If you would like any further information about this very friendly ladies club please contact me on **814114**.

Pauline McLeod

CRAFT AND CHAT

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month in Upwood Village Hall. We start our meetings at 2pm and usually manage to chat and craft our way through a couple of hours. Heather is the organiser and creative genius of the group but everyone helps with setting up and putting away the tables and chairs. (Covid rules allowing!)

If you are interested in joining this group or just want to come along to one meeting to get a 'feel' of what it's like please contact Heather on **814432** and she will be happy to answer any questions you have.

UPWOOD GOLF SOCIETY



Upwood Golf
Society

We are back and the Golf Society Day was the usual mixture of fun, competition and a generally good day and evening out. Given the circumstances we had a good turnout with 27 playing and five additional guests in the evening.

We began the day with a trip round the Par 3 course. The highlight of the competition was a hole in one by Steven East.

This team event was won by Jon Hopkins, Neil Seabridge, Paul Evans and Walt Coleman. By this time everyone was ready for a hearty English breakfast and several cups of tea. Having managed to peel themselves from their seats everyone went on to play a 9-hole Texas Scramble which was won by Alan Rodford, Stu White, Chris Richter and Adrian Moore (obviously the breakfast had an amazing effect on their golf).

Having honed our skills in the Team Texas Scramble next was an individual Stableford competition on the back nine holes of the course. The winner of **Champion Golfer was Steven East** who won on countback from Geoff Carrington with Andy Taylor in 3rd on countback from Sue Whittle.

Additional prizes were awarded as follows; Nearest the pin: Adrian Moore, Jim King and Doug McLeod; Longest drive: Walt Coleman; Champagne moment: Steve Matthews for his persistence in getting out of a fairway bunker with a recovery club.

We all gathered at The Ale House in Ramsey for a three-course evening meal and prize giving. Handicap adjustments were awarded by the members to those who they felt deserved them. A new society shirt with our new logo was shown during the evening and was warmly received. Orders will be placed shortly.

The next Upwood Golf Society event is the Spring Open which is booked for 22nd April 2022. All are welcome, so please come and join us.

Please contact Howard on **07770847953** or hjsuk@btinternet.com.

UPWOOD UKULELES



The UpU's are back performing and starting to raise funds again for Magpas Air Ambulance. Their current total is over £44,000.

Advance Notice The band will be holding their Annual Christmas Concert at Upwood Village Hall on **TWO** nights this year: Friday 17th December **and** Saturday 18th December. Numbers for each evening will be limited in order to provide more spacing between seats. Tickets will cost £10 each and will be available from 10.00am on Monday 8th November by contacting Doug: pndmcleod@btinternet.com or **0814114**.

An exciting new year at Upwood Primary Academy



After a well-deserved and relaxing summer break, we were delighted to welcome our pupils back to Upwood Primary Academy. It was fantastic to see their smiling faces ready for another year of learning!

To kick-start the term, we had an extra-special visit from Marion Leeper, an oral storyteller. She tells stories for children of all ages and led a session with our pupils on the environment – it was great! The visit formed part of our Reading Week and our pupils even had the chance to win a prize for reading 10 times in two weeks. We called it our Reading Olympics and it went down so well with the children!

We also announced our Charities of the Year – Ramsey Foodbank, YoungMinds and the Poppy Appeal. We're looking forward to supporting them throughout the next 12 months and have already got exciting plans in place. For Ramsey Foodbank we are encouraging families to donate an item and place it on our Harvest Table in the school hall. If you have anything to donate, please do get in touch.

To find out more about Upwood Primary Academy, please visit:
<https://www.upa.education/>

UPWOOD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Group restarted its meetings in the Village Hall on 15th September with a fantastic talk by Mark Knight on the Bronze Age River Settlement at Must Farm. We were extremely grateful to Mark who rescheduled so that we could continue our long association with this significant international project. Mark was able to bring together, in a well-illustrated talk, the science and thinking behind this unique roundhouse river settlement as it stood in 850BC, before it was unexpectedly burnt to the ground "freezing" the village in time by submerging it in the mud of the Fens. We had the great opportunity of stepping into that time and viewing everyday life through the remains preserved by the sediment; they also enabled the archaeologists to put the village into the correct time context. Literally, we were able to see the house structures, utensils, cloth and jewellery used by our predecessors. Such a pleasure and a privilege to share this knowledge.

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

Mervyn Harvey



Upwood Village Hall Performing Arts Events



SALT HOUSE Thursday 21st October £14.00

Salt House is Jenny Sturgeon, Ewan MacPherson and Lauren MacColl. Their album *Undersong* has been praised by folk bible *fRoots* for bringing “startling freshness” to the British song tradition. Songs are central to Salt House. New songs that sound as if they’ve always been here. Ancient ballads woken up. Poems given the tunes they’ve long deserved. Songs about place, politics, landscape and birds. You’ll hear echoes of Pentangle, a touch of Dick Gaughan, murmurs of Scandinavian and Scots, all woven into a music that’s traditional and new. The group’s meticulous attention to detail, shared passions and care for their craft sees Salt House soar.



FARA Thursday 28th October £17.00

Fara brings together four leading musicians at the forefront of today’s young Scottish folk scene. Kristan Harvey, Jeana Leslie and Catriona Price’s three fiddles combine with Rory Matheson’s piano to produce a sound rooted strongly in their upbringing amongst the music of Orkney. With a mixture of self-penned and traditional Orkney tunes as well as stunning vocals, Fara’s musical experiences and friendships produce an exciting and individual sound.



DAOIRI FARRELL Thursday 11th November £15.00

This is a rearranged concert from March 2020. All tickets bought for the original concert will be honoured (except for refunds). This means that there are only a small number of tickets available on a first come first served basis to see this wonderful Irish singer and bouzouki player.



Box Office: 07709 93039 / uvhperformingarts@upwood.org

SPOTLIGHT ON UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB

The cricket club have had a somewhat mixed year with some real highs but also some challenges to overcome. The highlight has been the completion of the Nursery Ground that was started last year and the flexibility that it provides for us. We have already played numerous junior games of different ages on it and we have had many compliments on what we have achieved from our members and visiting teams. Work still needs to be done as we still need a score board and some fencing to stop the ball being lost in the surrounding hedging.



Ladies XI

We played our first ever Women's Game this year. We are planning joining a league next year and this will be a huge thing not just for the club but women's cricket in Huntingdonshire.

We did have quite high hopes of promotion for our Men's Teams this year but this now does not look like it will happen as the Saturday 1st Team finished third in Hunts Division 1, the Saturday 2nds finishing sixth in Hunts Division 3 and the Sunday 1sts a very commendable second place. Although this is a bit of a disappointment, we are

in a strong position to move forward as our youngsters get older and better.

We are very pleased to say that we have played some Ladies Cricket this year as friendlies and are planning on entering a Women's cricket league in 2022, which is exciting news indeed. This will be a big commitment and we would be very interested to hear from anyone who would like to get involved as a player or supporter.

Our junior section continues to flourish with 40 or more participants training on Monday nights. Our U13s won the county cup and went onto represent Huntingdonshire in the Regional Play off vs Horseheath (Norfolk). Unfortunately, we did not progress further but

Arun is pictured with Annie in the Upwood nets after both did very well vs Nassington U15 girls on a slightly soggy evening in July. Annie scored 50 retired and Arun took his first 5 wicket haul.



it gives us something to aspire to. Many of our youth members represent the county at different age groups and Annabelle Woodward has been selected for the Sunrisers – The Hundred Academy – well done Annabelle.



U13 County Champs

Here are the U13 team after their victory over Godmanchester in the County Cup Final held at Warboys on 4th July. We went on to represent Huntingdon in the regional final but we came unstuck against some very good opening bowling and were comfortably beaten by Horseheath (Norfolk).

We are proud that we have continued to host County representative cricket including the Adult Ladies Team as part of our commitment to improving cricket locally and we hope that this puts Upwood Village too in a positive light as it brings in many people from across the region, including ex England cricketers.

Unfortunately, the season has been soured by three break-ins to our new much needed storage shed and one to the pavilion where newly acquired equipment including mowers worth thousands of pounds were stolen. Perhaps we have been lucky for many years but despite insurance we still will have to take a significant financial hit just to improve security as well as the damaging effect this has had on morale. If you see lights on at the cricket club at an unusual time, please don't ignore them but let one of the cricket club members know. Thank you!

If you would like to play or be involved in any way please get in touch:

Neil Tuffin, npe.tuffin@gmail



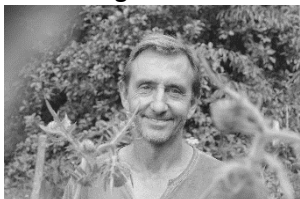
Under 9 Wagtails: The U9s play 6 a side, 12 over, softball games usually on Sunday mornings. The team did very well, finishing as runners up in their league. We also put another team out (The Swallows) and they did very well too, finishing third in the league.

The seasons are changing with a chill in the air, leaves changing colour and fruits and berries ripening all around us. But don't hibernate just yet! The Great Fen team is delighted to announce more fun and fascinating events for all this autumn. Join us in person at our beautiful nature reserves or online with our dazzling guest speakers. Please remember that pre-booking is essential, and all events will need to be booked online. Visit www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420 for more information.

Little Bugs

Packed with wildlife activities for pre-schoolers. Join us for a morning of exploration, discovery and crafts. **Fridays, term-time only, 10.30am-12pm.** £5 members, £6 non-members. Adults and babes-in-arms free.

An Evening with Dave Goulson – Saving our Insects (Online Talk)



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 14th October 7-8.30pm.** £6 members, £8 non-members.

Wednesday Wander

Think you know Woodwalton Fen? But have you ever taken a guided tour? Trust in our expert guide to reveal the sights and sounds, flora and fauna, history and future of this historic site. Limited places available. **Wednesday 20th October 10am-12pm.** £8 members, £10 non-members.

Spooky Spiders – Half Term Family Fun

We're on the trail of the Great Fen's special spiders this half-term! Enjoy our web walk trail to learn fascinating facts, take part in our minibeast discovery sessions and create your own spider-themed crafts to take home. **Wednesday 27th October 10.00am-3.00pm.** Children £5 members, £7.50 non-members. Adults and babes-in-arms free.

A Year in the Life of a Great Fen Monitoring and Research Officer (Online Talk)

Meet Henry Stanier. Discover how he began working in the field of conservation, over 20 years ago. Learn what a typical year at work is for him now and what motivates and excites him as the heads out onto the Great Fen. **Tuesday 16th November 7.00-8.30pm.** £3 members, £5 non-members.

Danielle Page

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Autumn – the season of fruitful mellowness or is it mellow fruitfulness? Anyway, the Community Orchard is looking good despite the current dry spell. Some of the fruit has dropped due to the hot dry weather and the birds seem to have been enjoying the spoils. On the other hand, we had a fatal casualty from drowning – one of the sponsored trees just couldn't survive with its roots in water all winter and spring, so it has been replaced with a contorted willow tree which needed a home. We have also had some disease to contend with and will be discussing replacement options for all 'casualties' with the sponsors. A quick reminder to all

Community Orchard sponsors – do come and pick the fruit from your tree – otherwise it will be put into a box and left for the community at large to help themselves.

The hedgerow, which for a while was the home of some fascinating caterpillars of the Small Eggar moth, is now in full autumn colours with the rowan berries and rose hips glowing. Several of the trees are to be allowed to grow to maturity whilst the remainder will be trimmed back into hedge shape once the birds have had their fill of the berries. Meanwhile the Orchard sign is about to be refurbished to repair the damage caused by excessive rain and sun this summer.

The grass in the Community Orchard should have had its autumn cut by the time you read this – all through the summer visitors have enjoyed the 'new look' with paths cut through the long grass. We saw a wide variety of wild flowers, even a pyramid orchid or two, but the two small, sown wild flower areas struggled with the rain and then the drought. There is still an abundance of wildlife in the area – not just butterflies and bees but also beetles, hover flies, grasshoppers and even some 'bibbits' (small furry things that scuttle off before you can identify them). This was the first year of 'The Plan' to turn the manicured lawn Orchard into a Wildflower Meadow Orchard. It will be interesting in the next few years to keep a record of the species spotted in the Orchard and see whether they increase and/or change.

Once the grass has been cut right down, we will be needing volunteers to help rake off the grass from a selected section which will then become the first large area to be sown with local wild flower seeds. That will be the first major step towards turning a grass field into a wild flower meadow. We have also salvaged the daffodil bulbs from the raised beds and plan to plant them in clumps in the Orchard where they will naturalise. There will be lots of different jobs to suit all ages and abilities.

Please check the notice board by the entrance to the Allotment site for further updates on opportunities to help with the Orchard or contact Liz Carter on **813008 – email busylizzie399@gmail.com**

Liz Carter

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

For the type and time of services each week please look at the church noticeboard.

It has been a relatively quiet July and August with none of the usual Flower Festivals, Open Gardens or Village Events but time still seems to have raced by. The children are back at school and September has brought with it the promise of autumn, and some much-needed rain. We notice the leaves on the chestnut trees starting to turn and our churchyard pots with their wonderful dahlias looking as beautiful as ever.

As we approach October, we move towards our Harvest Festival service. For those of us with longer memories harvest was a time when we decorated St Peter's with the beautiful flowers from our gardens, no longer the brilliant spring and summer reds, whites, blues, yellow, and brilliant greens, but the more mellow shades from the chrysanthemums and lilies, sheaves of corn from the fields and an enormous loaf of bread baked to look like a wheatsheaf. Apples, pears, apricots and sometimes even grapes lined the window ledges. How life has changed! Nowadays our gifts are gratefully received by our local foodbank and Kings Ripton Court. The Ramsey Foodbank provides food and toiletries to a number of families and individuals who, for various reasons are struggling. Kings Ripton Court, run by the Salvation Army, helps the homeless with food and a safe place to stay whilst their issues are addressed. Therefore, the gifts which are so generously brought to these services need to be tinned, bottled, or be in packets or cartons. Toiletries are also always welcome. We know how important these gifts have been for those in need in the past and this year probably more so.

It has been a real delight to be able to bring music and, YES, even singing (behind masks). Kathryn, our lovely organist, has returned and at other times clever people have brought along pieces of electronic wizardry to the church, which have produced music and even choirs for us. We still practice social distancing but our services are gradually returning to those we were used to in the past.

Our Family Services are enjoyed by all the congregation; it is always a pleasure to see children back in the church again and St Peter's is very much looking forward to hosting the Benefice Service which is held if there is a 'Fifth Sunday' in a month. These services are shared between the three churches which form the Ramsey Benefice and we look forward to welcoming members of the congregations from St Thomas a Becket and St Marys as well as those from Upwood on October 31st.

Looking forward, there will be a Service of Remembrance on November 14th in St Peters at 10-00am. The service will be taken by Vikki Latter and all will be welcome.

Jo Paxton



ALLOTMENT NEWS- Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

It has been a strange summer. August was dull and cooler than normal, apart from a few days of intense heat around the middle of the month. September has delivered some 'Indian Summer' days so far, with deliciously warm and calm conditions, which have been ideal for tending the allotments and harvesting the produce.

Strolling through the allotments is always a joy and a feast for the eyes too. The variety of vegetables grown on even very small plots is impressive, as plot holders experiment with different varieties. Potatoes, runner beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and herbs have grown well. Some impressive pumpkins and other squash, leeks, chard, carrots, kale, sweetcorn, courgettes and celery are thriving. Cabbages, unless protected, have been nibbled by the rabbits again though. It is lovely to admire the range of colourful flowers grown which attract birds and insects. Dahlias, marigolds and cosmos dance in the breeze. Most impressive are the different varieties of sunflower, which are starting to hang their sunny heads with a full crop of seeds, awaiting the arrival of hungry birds. Paul has continued with his bee count project and was eagerly taking a close-up photograph of a bee landing on borage, a very attractive blue herb, yesterday. I must admit, I did think it would go well with a G& T! Many tenants have started preparing the soil for winter by covering their plots with weed suppressant fabric or Phacelias and Lucerne (green manure) to fertilise the soil for next year. The hedgerow beside the orchard is showing the first blush of autumn as the leaves begin to change colour owing to the changing daylight length and season.

Here is reminder that new tenancies start in November. Some plots should be available for rent but please could new tenants think carefully about the size of plot they would like to take on. We can all be keen, but sometimes a little too keen! New tenants are encouraged to sign up before Christmas and can contact Liz Carter to her email address: **lizcarter@261btinternet.com**

Finally, many thanks to those on the committee who have tirelessly worked to improve the allotment setting and notification to both tenants and the general public. Many more people are keeping their dogs on leads and respecting the food growing area as they enjoy their walks.

Lesley Owen

SEATED EXERCISE

The sessions are going really well as we start to return to normality after the pandemic. It's great to see old and new faces attending the classes, which we run twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 9.30-10.30am, £4 per session. There is no need to book in advance.

Tom Milner

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

In August the newsletter received a request from the parish council to increase their print space allocation to 4 pages in each edition. The newsletter committee members felt that devoting 25% of the newsletter to parish council items would completely unbalance the overall coverage and curtail our ability to publish a newsletter which includes all the club and group news. As a solution we suggested that the parish council produced its own regular 4-page booklet, to be inserted and delivered with the newsletter. The parish council has agreed to this and you will begin receiving both publications in December.



Your local museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2.00pm to 5.00 pm (with the last entry at 4.00 pm) until the end of October. We then close until April 2022 because of the short days and adverse weather.

The new displays have been well received by visitors, so, even if you are familiar with the museum, there are new things to be seen. The exhibition 'Treasures of Ramsey Abbey' was the highlight of the season. This was 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 included newly discovered artefacts and descriptions of how the project was carried out. Alongside this display there were children's archaeological digs. These were enjoyed by the children and, as far as we could see, even more by the adults with them. We hope that we will be able to run similar events in 2022.

The museum is run and staffed entirely by volunteers and 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.

If you would like to help and join our friendly group, please contact Ian Gaunt **710702**; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

After a year of zoom rehearsals for Ramsey Choral Society it was lovely to get back with face-to-face ones and to catch up with our members, some whom we hadn't seen for a long time. Our first Covid-19 compliant rehearsal started with our new Musical Director James Mooney-Dutton. A fun warm up and we were straight in to Faure's Requiem. We will also be starting to rehearse for our first live concert - our Christmas programme on December 18th at Thomas a Becket. Watch out for ticket information. Also, if you'd like to join us, we rehearse on Thursday evenings at Ramsey Junior School. For more information email Lynnepaul62@gmail.com.

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
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
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THE GREAT FEN: SUMMER FUN

The Great Fen team would like to thank all the families and volunteers who joined in with our Summer Fun in the Fens activity sessions over the holidays. We saw children learning about so many different species and habitats, making beautiful crafts and discovering fascinating minibeasts all around us. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did and will be back soon! www.wildlifebcn.org/events.

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