



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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The Newsletter Team would like to thank
you all for supporting the
parish newsletter over the last 20 years.

We would also like to take this
opportunity to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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DIARY OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2022 /JANUARY 2023

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
Weekly	Tues & Fri	Seated Exercise	9.30am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com 07342036029
Weekly	Wed	Upwood Table Tennis Club	2.30pm	UVH: Jack 711511
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer followed by Breakfast Club	9.00am 9.30am	St Peter's: Jean 813742 Cross Keys
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
December				
3 rd	Sat	St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival	10-4pm	St Peter's: Anne-Marie 07484294155
3 rd	Sat	Great Fen: Natural Christmas Decorations Children's Workshop	10 - 2.30pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
5 th	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Silverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
7 th	Wed	Great Fen: Willow Wreath making	10am or 1pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
10 th	Sat	Great Fen: Wildlife Watch	10-12.30pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
10 th	Sat	The Adventurers in the Great Fen	2.30 – 4.30pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
11 th	Sat	Great Fen: Willow Wreath making	10am or 1pm	www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
11 th	Sun	Classics by Candlelight: starring Fenharmonics	7pm	St Peter's: Anne-Marie: 0748294155
12 th	Mon	Home to Home Christmas party	7.30pm	Members only – sorry!
14 th	Wed	SMTT: Christmas carols evening	7pm	Bex:
16 th	Fri	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas concert	7pm	UVH: Doug: 07709930398
17 th	Sat	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas concert	7pm	UVH: Doug: 07709930398
17 th	Sat	Ramsey Choral Society concert	7.30pm	St Thomas a Becket church: 710792
18 th	Sun	Carol Service by candlelight	6pm	St Peter's: Jean: 813742
24 th	Sat	Christmas Crib service for all ages	4pm	St Peter's: Jean: 814732
24 th	Sat	Carols on the Abbey Green, Ramsey	6pm	
January 2023				
9 th	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Silverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
18 th	Wed	Local History Group	7.30pm	UVH: Ian 710702
30 th	Mon	Home to Home AGM & "What's in the bag" quiz	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline:814114
31 st	Tues	Craft & Chat	2pm	UVH: Heather 814432



We have been celebrating 40 years of friendship and fun 2 years late owing to the pandemic and our final celebration was a visit to Carriages, Fenstanton for afternoon tea in September. We were all comfortably seated in one carriage and the staff could not have been more helpful, keeping us well supplied with refills throughout our time there. It was the ideal way to end our celebrations.

In October we were delighted to welcome Sara Hennessey, the BCN Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Communities manager. She gave us a very enjoyable, educational and inspirational talk about all the plans they have for the Great Fen, which involve joining up the corridor between Holme Fen and Woodwalton Fen by purchasing Speechly's Farm. She also told us about the plans for a state-of-the-art visitors centre and their plans for engaging all age groups in the fight to restore the peat and wetlands to their former state. The work being carried out on alternative crops for wetlands gives a great boost for future farming in the area. Our thanks go to Geoff Carrington for all his help with the technical side of the evening.

Our November meeting on 28th will have involved us all in making decorations for the Home to Home tree for the welcome return of St Peter's Christmas tree festival, and in December we will be sharing some festive fare and pondering over Tina's topical quiz.

It was lovely to see so many members and guests at the October meeting but we could have accommodated more! So why not make a new year's resolution and come along to one of our meetings and see what Home to Home is all about? We meet on the last Monday of the month and our meetings start at 7.30pm. You will receive a very warm welcome.

Pauline, Chairman

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

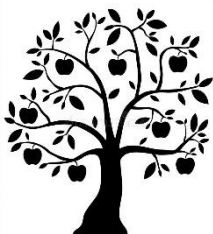
The Local History Group meets on the third Wednesday of alternate months in the Village Hall. We love to welcome new members or you can just attend a particular talk that interests you by turning up on a meeting night. There is an annual membership fee if you wish to become a member (currently £10) or you can pay a visitor's fee for the particular evening that interests you (currently £4).

Recent talks have included WWI in Ramsey, the Private Life of Cromwell and the history behind the Great Fen Project. Our last talk, in September, was on Medieval Medicine brought to us by Karen Aspinall. This proved interesting and gruesome at the same time, although Karen explained that some treatments did have a scientific basis!

Members are notified by email of future programme details. The next meeting of the Local History Group in the Village Hall will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023 which will be our AGM and, hopefully, an "in house" event. For further information please contact **Ian 710702**.

Mervyn Harvey, Programme organiser

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD



The Community Orchard has a new addition – the willow frame, originally made for my sweet peas in a pot this past spring, decided to grow and grow. So, what better place to put the now redundant but growing frame than the soggy patch in the bottom corner of the Orchard! Let's hope that it continues to thrive, drinking up all the surplus water and producing some useful willow for more sculptures and frames.

Meanwhile, the new volunteer group – the Upwood Community Orchard Volunteers (shortened to COV) – has been hard at work. We meet up for two sessions (one mid-week, one at the weekend) every month and tackle specific tasks. In September we harvested the remaining fruit which was put out for visitors to help themselves and tidied up the raised beds. October saw the group creating three new wild flower areas and sowing the donated wild flower seed mix. We also planted up the green tubs by the seats with spring bulbs and violas for some winter colour. The mint and geranium plants that came out have been potted up and will reappear next year.



A big 'thank you' to Ali, Chris, Colin and Mike who all turned out in October and to Lesley, Liz and Carol who helped in September – you were amazing! The November tasks will be much less demanding; checking the stakes and bands on trees and cutting back the perennials in the raised beds. Future tasks include winter pruning of the fruit trees, hedge trimming and filling the gaps with new bushes.

More helpers are always welcomed and needed so if you would like to join our band of volunteers, please contact Liz Carter (**813008, email: lizcarter261@btinternet.com**). You don't have to come to every work party – pick and choose what suits you. Your contact details will be added to the group list and you will be invited to join a work party each month. There is very little heavy, manual work – mostly pruning, snipping, tidying, seed sowing and weeding. Please bring your own gloves and a drink but cake/biscuits are provided!

Upwood Community Orchard is maintained by volunteers and funded by donations and fund-raising events.

Liz Carter

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

All church services begin at 9.30am unless otherwise specified on the church noticeboard. Please double-check before attending, as services times may need to change at short notice.

St Peter's has had an interesting month. The weather has been pleasantly warm and those of us who were able to attend the funeral of Margaret Hand were still able to enjoy the beautiful pots of flowers which Peter Haddon has been able to keep flowering until the very end of October and, a big bonus, it has not been necessary to turn on the heating. We were also delighted to welcome our recently arrived curate, Maggie Tate-Druiff who presided over a truly beautiful and moving tribute to a much-loved lady.

The final Sunday of October was not only our Benefice Service ensuring that the church was packed out with the St Thomas a Becket choir and organist and representatives from all three churches, but we were delighted to welcome Bishop Dagmar who is the Bishop of Huntingdon. The Bishop preached a moving sermon, very much emphasising the similarities of the many different religions which all base their teachings on the need to treat others as you would like them to treat you, emphasising our similarities and not our differences.

There will be a different configuration of Christmas services this year. We look forward very much to the return of our popular Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 3rd December, Classics by Candlelight concert on Sunday 11th December and a Children's Crib Service, also by candlelight, at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Sadly, there will be no midnight service here on Christmas Eve and no service on Christmas Day. In addition to the things happening at St Peter's there will also be outdoor carols on the Abbey Green, Ramsey at 6pm and a First Communion of Christmas in St Thomas a Becket church at 10pm on Christmas Eve.

Please note that you can find St Peter's Church information on the following websites:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13916/>

<http://www.upwood.org/index.php/st-peter-s-church>

<https://www.ramseysandupwood.org/stpetersupwood>

Jo Paxton

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM JOSIE GAUNT

"I would like to say thank you to The Newsletter for their promotion of the village seats campaign.

It is good to see them being used by so many."

Editorial note: It is the community of Upwood that should be thanking you, Josie, for your unstinting dedication in making sure that your dream of creating extra seating in the village came to fruition. You are an inspiration and a star!



Autumn term highlights: It was great to see that the garden had survived the summer. The children very much enjoyed harvesting the remaining produce, pulling the sunflower seeds, and sampling the lovely fresh vegetables. The

carrots are still growing, and the children can't wait to start pulling them up. At the end of September, we said farewell to our tomato plants. The children spent the morning harvesting the remaining green tomatoes, which we made into delicious chutney. There were lots of eager helpers and something a little different for their taste buds to try. All that remained to do was some weeding and resetting our strawberry plants. Our efforts have made space for spring bulbs – any donations would be gratefully received!

October brought with it pumpkins, conkers and lots of falling leaves. One of our families kindly donated some pumpkins that the children really enjoyed carving. They got to practice using knives and spoons to carve the pumpkins together with great teamwork; the seeds were roasted, which were a huge hit. We collected lots of fallen leaves, which were used to create some wonderful autumnal artwork, and the conkers were transformed into necklaces. The children showed great determination and patience and after carefully counting, drilling, and threading they were incredibly proud of their creations.

Looking ahead to the festivities, we can't wait to enter an USTT Christmas tree at the St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival. This follows a centuries long tradition that paused during COVID. To get USTT and UPA families together in a social sense we'll be holding a Christmas Carols evening on 14 December. The children will soon be practicing their renditions of their favourite carols and we grown-ups are invited to enjoy a mulled wine or hot chocolate, and mince pies.

Fundraising efforts: USTT is a committee-led charity that relies on the goodwill and involvement of parents/carers to keep us going. Everything we earn and fundraise goes back into our facilities and the children in our care. Funds raised help keep costs down and fees affordable; but it also makes it possible to support our families whenever they need it. Government support is not always forthcoming, and fundraising means we can continue to be a community charity and lend a helping hand when it's truly needed.

How you can help: shop through [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com/) or shop @ smile.amazon.co.uk and nominate USTT as your charity. Follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with all our adventures! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057703058143>

Bex, Committee member

Great Fen

What a wonderful year we've had at the Great Fen. Thank you to everyone who has visited to enjoy the thriving wildlife in our nature reserves, attended



events, shared our news, volunteered with us or contributed to the Landmark Appeal so far to purchase Speechly's Farm in 2023. Creating this continuous corridor between Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen NNRs will help natural wet fenland thrive right across the Great Fen, for the first time since the 1850s! Find more information at

www.wildlifebcn.org/landmarkappeal

We end the year with some festive crafting and a fascinating delve into fen history. We will be back in the New Year with an exciting stargazing evening making the most of our Dark Sky Discovery Site status at Ramsey Heights so keep an eye out for information via our website, social media or email newsletter. We wish you all good health and happiness and hope you have time to visit The Great Fen over the winter season.

Natural Christmas Decorations Children's Workshop

Saturday 3rd December, 10am-2.30pm. £5/£7.50

Wildlife Watch

Saturday 10th December, 10am-12.30pm. £5/£7.50

The Adventurers in the Great Fen

Saturday 10th December, 2.30-4.30pm. Free



Willow Wreath Making

Wednesday 7th and Sunday 11th December, 10am or 1pm. £10/£15

Book all our events online at www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call **710420** for more information. Thank you for supporting the Wildlife Trust BCN as we defend nature and work for a Wilder Future across our counties.

Danielle Page



St Peter's Christmas Tree **Festival**



Christmas Fair

*tree displays,
festive stalls and
much more...*

Children activities

**Saturday 3rd
December**

10am-4pm

Upwood

Church

Church Lane
PE26 2QF



**non alcoholic
mulled wine**

mince pies

tea & coffee



In Aid of Upwood Church

Classics by candlelight

♪ ♪ concert ♪ ♪

by Fenharmonic



Upwood St Peter's Church

Sunday 11th December

7pm

£15 tickets include a glass of wine & nibbles

contact: Anne-Marie 07484294155

or annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com

In Aid of Church Funds

Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletters



Upwood and The Raveleys News - Number 1

What's this all about then?

Many of the twenty four groups in the villages would like their existence and activities publicised in the most effective way, and a regular newsletter was considered the medium best suited for the purpose. To succeed, input is required from groups and individuals for the next issue, in eight weeks time. Content and suggestions for improvement of the newsletter would be welcomed by the editor.

Upwood Business Association

Run a business from your home? Fed up because all your friends have "Christmas Do's"? Then why not join our Christmas Lunch? We are a group of about 10 people who all run businesses from our homes. Last December we held our first Christmas Lunch at the Cross Keys in Upwood. It was a great success. Interested? Ring Diana Hudson on 01487511221 for more details.

St Peter's Church, Upwood

Harvest Thanksgiving and Flower Festival Weekend on Saturday 21st, and Sunday 22nd, September. Sunday services are 9.30 am for Holy Communion, and 11.30 am for Songs of Praise. The Church will be open to the public all day on the Sunday to welcome visitors.

Over Fifty Five

This is a social group that welcomes newcomers to its meetings. Mrs Chris Bruce is having a Coffee Morning at her home, 60 High Street, on Friday 13th, September from 10.30 am until noon. It only costs you £1 to do some shopping.

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Editorial

Do you know what the Great Pan Project is? All I know is that it is a scheme to turn parts of the first onwards Holmes back to wetland. But you can find out about it, and how it will affect us in Upwood and the Raveleys by coming along to Chris Corradi's illustrated talk in the Village Hall at 8 pm on Wednesday 19th September. Strictly admission by free ticket obtainable from Diana Hudson on 711221 or Gill Sheffield on 812009. This is a very ambitious project, and deserves our interest. Tea and Coffee available, and a raffle. This meeting is organised by the Upwood & Raveleys Local History Group.

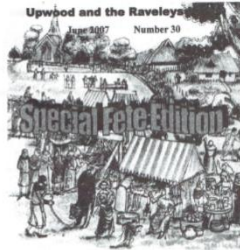
Neighbourhood Watch

The Ramsey area Neighbourhood Watch is looking for a new Administrator. Angie Walters, Cambridgeshire Police Community Partners Officer has arranged a meeting at 8 pm on Tuesday 16th September in the Grand Cinema. Ramsey the homebuilders who are in a neighbourhood watch scheme so that you can come along and listen, comment, propose, even volunteer. Most of us are in a suburb, and we all benefit from living in a low incident area so it is in our interest to contribute something to the meeting. For more information call Angie Walters on 01480422957 or e-mail her on angie.walters@cambs.pnn.police.uk



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UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE COMMITTEE

are pleased to announce the following grants for 2011

Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter	£450.00
Upwood & the Raveleys Village Hall	£400.00
Upwood St. Peter's PCC	£300.00
Upwood School PTA	£150.00
Upwood Small to Tall	£100.00
Upwood & the Raveleys website	£71.86
Meet and Munch	£50.00
Upwood 55+	£50.00



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Upwood Pantomime Society

CINDERELLA

Wed 25th, Thurs 26th, Fri 27th January at 7.30pm

Sat 28th January at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

opens at Wed 30th November at 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £9.00 Child £4.50

Box Office (02487) 85414

THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE NEWSLETTER
WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Upwood Celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Jubilee Garden Party
Cross Keys Paddock
Monday 4th June

Meet and Munch Meal
Upwood Village Hall
Saturday 9th June

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UPWOOD TO HONOUR WW1 AIRMAN



Recreated biplane on 2nd 14th September 1918 & 2nd 14th March 1919 and the top of aircraft they were flying on the time of the first crash

An Upwood resident has been leading a campaign to gain recognition for the only two aeroplanes to actually land there (one near Upwood itself during World War 1). Turn to page 5 for details of the date, time and place where the service will take place. All Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this ceremony.

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Strawberry Tea: Sunday 3 July from 3-5pm

in aid of St Peter's Church, Upwood Village Hall & Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter
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RAF UPWOOD - 80 YEARS ON



Disused Guard Room of former RAF Upwood.
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THE BOOK EXCHANGE, started in 2011 as a Parish Council initiative, is managed by Esther Rowley, who is designed by the way in which participants and visitors alike have embraced the scheme. Everyone is welcome to use this facility - it's worth remembering that the books and CDs don't have to be returned within a specified time. The Book Exchange needs regular maintenance to ensure a high standard and variety so duplicates and overflow books and CDs are taken to local charity shops. At the moment the phone box is in need of TLC so if you are willing to help renovate this parish priority please contact Esther on 01400.



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NEW PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVE MAKES A VERY SUCCESSFUL START



Over 100 children enjoyed the activities that HCC employees, Adam and Chris, provided on the Upwood playing field during the summer holidays. Thanks to funding from the Parish Council the children attending didn't have to pay at all. Mum Emma said, "It's very well organised, inclusive and suitable for all ages. It's great to be able to try out such a wide variety of sports in a safe and enjoyable environment". The sessions ran one morning a week for 6 weeks during the school summer holiday.

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LOCAL LADS RAISES OVER £1000 FOR HER SPARKS CLUB



Uli, who lives in Upwood, was inspired by Captain Tom to do her own fund-raising during the month of May. Uli, who is a member of the Sparks Club in Ramsey, decided to walk a marathon by completing a mile every day for 30 days. She could be seen meeting her own personal challenge around the streets of Upwood accompanied by her mum, Helen, and her trusty collection basket. Uli raised over £1000 from an line and street donations for her Sparks Club. Well done Uli! Photo: Esther Rowley

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UPWOOD GOLF SOCIETY'S GOLF DAY AT POLEY 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 in the greens for this annual outing of villagers and friends didn't dampen their enthusiasm. As has before the month, the day was finished off with a meal and prize giving ceremony at the Old 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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THE UNUSUAL BARRY GOWLER TRACTOR ROAD RUN



This popular event, in memory of local Upwood man Barry, took place on Sunday 10th July. Over 50 visitors, driven by Barry's family and friends from all over the county and beyond, gathered in the yard near to Helens Farm, Meadows Lane and it was a magnificent sight as they travelled up the lane and up Meadow Road before turning right and heading off to travel around many local villages. All along the route the visitors and their drivers were cheered and many donated to the recipient charities, Marmite Cancer Research and Sue Ryder. So far £20,013 has been raised. The road run, the idea of Barry's father-in-law and brother-in-law and organised by The Barry's widow and three of Barry's friends, is hoped to become a bi-annual event.

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It's been a fantastic Autumn term at Upwood Primary Academy, with lots of amazing learning and fun activities. We launched our Reading Olympics in September, a competition to increase the reading which children complete outside of school. This was a huge success, with 71 pupils participating and winning individual prizes. Our overall house winner was Emerald House, which was awarded the reading trophy!



We also welcomed a visit from StarLincs Mobile Planetarium. The company brought an inflatable dome big enough for whole classes to sit in and view exciting displays of the night sky. The children all enjoyed the experience which supported Year 5 and 6's space topic. Year 3 took part in an activity to (virtually!) buy fruits from Edward's Farm Shop to make rainbow fruit kebabs. The pupils budgeted for their fruit, investigated the origins and how far it had travelled. They enjoyed tasting the wide variety of flavours and textures when it was delivered. Our healthy eating theme continued

with generous donations for our Harvest table, which were donated to Ramsey Food Bank. KS1 children learned about different pumpkins and squashes, comparing weight and size and how to carry them safely. The children enjoyed designing posters for our whole-school E-safety competition. We do a lot of work around the importance of staying safe online and had lots of excellent entries. A prize was awarded for the winning entry and the poster will be on display.

We have been doing lots of lovely Christmas activities. Year 3 recreated the nativity using lolly sticks to decorate the school Christmas tree, we painted dinosaur decorations after reading Tom Fletcher's *The Christmasaurus*, and the children are looking forward to the lovely Christmas events we have planned. Overall, it has been a busy and fun start to our school year. We would like to thank our amazing staff, parents and the wider community for their outstanding support and commitment to our school.

To find out more about Upwood Primary Academy, visit: **www.upa.education** or find us on **Facebook or Twitter**





Upwood
Ukuleles

present



A CHRISTMAS CRACKER

REBOOTED!

an evening of festive musical frivolity

Friday 16 December at 7.00pm

Saturday 17 December at 7.00pm

Upwood Village Hall

£10

07709 930398 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

ALL PROCEEDS TO MAGPAS AIR AMBULANCE

UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



The last few months have been busy down on the plots, getting them ready for the winter, and thinking about next year. However, there are also still some winter vegetables to be harvested like leeks, cauliflowers, brussel sprouts and parsnips. I have a few remaining leeks which I will be putting with my desirée potatoes to make leek and potato soup for a winter warmer, and I am looking forward to my first ever home-grown sprouts for Christmas this year.

This month I was fortunate to inherit another water storage container along with a whole load of fruit bushes meaning, my fruit plot has commenced and I am very excited. The next step is to build the frame to protect them all from the birds.

The committee has been busy working on its plans for a new community shelter and some more water storage from the shelter. We hope to update the



community in the new year of the full plans. Plot 9 is proposed as the new site, which has great views across from the small hill into the distance. It also allows for the plots at the top of the allotment site to collect water a little nearer to their plots. We are planning to open-up a little part of the hay field for some mini plots in the not-so-distant future. Other plans include an updated seed swap area and even possibly a place to share / swap plant plugs.

We have also managed to secure 6 green bins for green composting from Huntington District Council. These bins have been very well received by the allotment community and have been used a lot since they arrived for composting materials, especially branches and weeds. We still encourage all plot holders to compost their own food waste, grass clippings and leave, as well as mulching your plots as much as possible.

An open Facebook page was recently launched so please do follow us for updates at **the Upwood & Raveley Community Allotment Association – URCAA** – please give us “a like” and follow all our news. Our waiting list is open so if you would like to consider a plot for the coming year, please don’t hesitate to contact Avni on **urcaasecretary@gmail.com**.

From all of us at URCAA we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Emma Kelcher



We are sorry to see the Village Newsletter coming to an end and wish to express our thanks to the editorial committee, distribution volunteers and others who have played a part in its production and delivery over the years.

GOLF MATTERS

The Autumn Open held on 23rd September was won by Andy Taylor with a score of 21 points, with Pete Kolakowski in second and Geoff Carrington third. The Texas Scramble was won by Team 1 - Alan Rodford, Stu White and Walt Coleman. The day was shortened as Lakeside had another booking which put too much pressure on tee times to have our usual par 3 competition.

The dinner in the evening saw a very welcome return to the Cross Keys where Gary provided us with an excellent menu and good food.

The next event will be held on **21st April 2023** when we will return to the usual format of Par 3, breakfast followed by 9-hole Texas scramble and 9-hole Stableford. a three-course dinner and prizes giving will be held in the evening.

We look forward to seeing as many as would like to join us for the Spring event.

The Secret Handicap Committee

THE CROSS KEYS – AN OLD FRIEND RETURNS



Why does a village need a pub? If the pub closes in any village the community suffers a blow, house prices drop, and it becomes little more than a pretty, dormitory suburb. If you are new to the village, as I was eight years ago this month, 'the pub' is an excellent way to meet people and integrate.

The current licensee is Gary, an accomplished chef. Make no mistake, he is the real thing when it comes to cooking. Behind the bar, April gives a warm greeting and is always super-efficient. Gary's vision is to make the Cross Keys an integral part of village life. On November 11th, he held a highly successful Italian night with well-chosen Italian wines to match the delightful food. It was indeed a pleasure to see this charming pub once again full of villagers and bursting with life.

The historic, Grade 1 listed, Norman church opposite is named after St Peter who, of course, holds the Cross Keys. It is usually open during the day for quiet contemplation or looking around. Why not take a small detour afterwards to enjoy a drink and perhaps some lunch?

(Dr) Ian Rowbotham

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The garden club is a friendly group of people with a common interest in gardens and plants.

The meeting on 17th October was a talk by Zsuzanna Serer on the propagation and growing of herbs. It was an impressive talk with lots of specimens of herbs used to illustrate the points that she made. In November we held our Annual General Meeting when the committee for the next year was appointed. This was followed by a talk by Jo Sharman on herbaceous perennials. There is no meeting in December as the date would be very close to Christmas, so the next meeting is on 16th January.

The regular meetings of the club, with talks and demonstrations, are held at the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month. We welcome visitors to individual meetings or the membership for a year is £12 per person. This includes a monthly newsletter. In addition to the meetings, we arrange group visits which are open to non-members. Usually, one of these is to a Royal Horticultural Society Garden. In 2023 this is planned to be to Hyde Hall in Essex and will follow a talk by the curator at one of our meetings.

I am sorry that this will be the last chance to inform you about the activities of the club through this newsletter - thank you to the team for giving us this opportunity.

For further information about the club or the programme contact Ian Gaunt:
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VOLUNTEER TO RETIRE



Robert Brown has reluctantly taken the decision to stop maintaining the Bury/Upwood footpath as he is finding it much harder – he's not far off turning 70 and needs to slow down a bit! He says that he has enjoyed doing it and that the work has given him a lot of satisfaction: he knows that many have appreciated his supreme efforts. He reckons he has covered the best part of 4,000 miles with his lawnmowers over the past 18 years. Robert

said that it will be sad to see the path become overgrown next year, and if the council doesn't take on the task of maintaining the footpath, he fears that it might become unusable.

The parish owes Robert a huge THANK YOU for all his maintenance work and the editorial team wishes him a very long and happy "retirement."



The museum closed to the public at the end of October and will open again at the beginning of April next year. Our first event will be a Food and Craft fair on the Ramsey Heritage Day on 3rd April. During the season the museum will be open from 2.00 to 5.00 pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday each week.

We are planning to have a programme of talks and exhibitions during the season to provide additional interest for our visitors. We had a series of talks during the last year as part of the Huntingdonshire History Festival and for the museum and these were so well received that we have decided to continue the themed talks next year. We will publish our list of events as soon as the programme is finalised.

I am sorry that this is my last chance to inform you about the activities of the museum as it is the last edition of the Newsletter. Thus, it is my last chance to explain our need for more volunteers. In order to run and maintain the museum we rely on our volunteers. We can use any skills and there does not need to be a regular commitment as volunteers can give the amount of time that they can spare, which can vary from week to week. In particular we need help with the opening to the public at the weekends and on Mondays. This involves about two hours staffing the reception and tea room, greeting visitors and explaining what is available at the museum. I find this role interesting and fun since the visitors are grateful for what information you can supply. Training will be given as needed and an experienced volunteer would be present for your initial duties.

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

Finally, I would like to thank the Newsletter team for making it possible to keep you informed about the activities of your museum.

Ian Gaunt

Editorial note – A big “Thank you” Ian, for keeping us all up to date with both museum and Garden Club activities – you have been a stalwart contributor.

A MESSAGE FROM A CONCERNED PARISHIONER

It is easy for many of the residents of Upwood to see that the newsletter has little relevance in today's media environment, but there is a diverse group who are not connected to the internet and a larger number who are not on social media. With the demise of the newsletter, it leaves us with village notice boards or the local newspaper to contact and inform those who are interested in village events and societies. Of course, word of mouth is by tradition the best way of communicating and we all need to keep talking to those who would otherwise be left out. Please spread the word of village events and societies; you never know who will be interested.

Howard Smith

"Here We Go A-Carolling"



Ramsey Choral Society will be getting in the Christmas mood with our festive carol concert at Thomas à Becket Church in Ramsey on Saturday 17th December at 7:30pm. We are really looking forward to welcoming you to one of our favourite times of the year for singing. There will be the usual Christmas favourites of course, some audience participation and maybe some carols that are new to you. Join us afterwards for refreshments including mince pies. Tickets are £12.50 and under 16's are free. Please call **710792** or visit the **Sue Ryder shop, Great Whyte, Ramsey**. Details about tickets will also be on our Facebook page.

Do you also like to sing? Then come and join us. We meet on Thursdays at Ramsey Junior School for 7:30pm (term time only). Anyone and everyone can sing so come and give it a go. Why not come for some taster sessions. The first three are free. No audition required and we are a very friendly bunch. So don't be daunted, we'll welcome you with open arms and voice.

Lynne Paul

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UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB

November is usually the month when we hold our AGM, but due to a clash with the football world cup it looks like we will move it to another date; either later in the year or at the start of 2023. There is still no news relating to the break-in when our outfield mower was stolen. Our insurance company, which has been extremely helpful, are likely to reimburse us the cost, but we still have need to find a suitable replacement plus further improve our security - at considerable expense and effort!



The main square was refurbished with new top soil, levelled and reseeded, and due to the mild autumn, the grass has taken very well. It looks very lush and has recently had a few “haircuts” to keep the grass height down and improve the tillering of the grass. The groundsman is very hopeful

of a pitch that “carries” very well as well as combining with the consistently true nature of the recent Upwood wickets. This will provide both encouragement for the bowlers and reward proper stroke play from the batsmen. As well as the main square the outfield has had a scarify, top dressing of seed and been fertilised and, despite the gentle undulations of the old “ridge and furrow”, will provide a wonderful surface for both players and ball next summer.

We have been very lucky to receive grants and money gifts from various places over the years and we will continue to try to apply for suitable pots of money. One of our most recent donations has come from Townsend Farm in the village of a very substantial amount of money which will help us keeping the club going forward. Thank you!



We would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved in anyway; we are always looking for new members, players, officials or supporters of any age or experience and we have several differing priced sponsorship options for local businesses. Details from Neil: npe.tuffin@gmail or visit www.upwood.play-cricket.com.