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## Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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### Editorial

So, we are into the New Year and it didn't start too well. It was cold and frosty, now it is wet and windy, house prices are falling, jobs are being lost, banks are going into meltdown and the government is spending billions of our money. So we can only hope that things get better. The sun will shine and we will all hopefully feel a bit better. So - we wish you all the very best for 2009.

### Ramsey Neighbourhood Policing Team

We all have a moan about the Police these days. They only go for the easy result. They are only driven by targets. All you get is a crime number and the telephone number for Victim Support. Well the Police Force is making an effort to change not only our conception of their work but also to be more proactive in their dealings with the general public. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team comprises Sgt. Laura Koscikiewicz, Pcs Matt Thomas and Alison Hillier with PCSOs Jill Tiernan, Vicki Docking, Gill Goodfellow, Becca Poole, Roger Poole and Aggie Siepak. The Team holds regular surgeries where we can go along and meet them and make them aware of any problems that we have. Once a quarter they hold a neighbourhood Panel Meeting when we can again go along, highlight any problems that we have and help them choose their priorities for the next three months. The aim is to make our community a safer place to live. The next Panel meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Ramsey Junior School Station Road Ramsey starting at 7.30 pm. Neighbourhood Watch is being re-awakened - if you would like help setting up a scheme in your area please contact Jill Tiernan on 0845 456 456 4 and she will deliver to you an information pack. You can also sign up to Ecops which keeps you up to date with news and policing in your neighbourhood, Sign up on [www.cambs.police.uk/sign](http://www.cambs.police.uk/sign) up/ecops When we met the team in the Cross Keys car park recently we asked for good news as well as bad. We hear about break-ins and distraction burglaries - can we also hear about criminals apprehended and hopefully charged and punished.

### Ramsey Choral Society

For more information please visit our web site, [www.ramseychoral.org](http://www.ramseychoral.org), or telephone June on 01487 813562 or 07703 192967

## UPWOOD TABLE TENNIS CLUB

You should have been at the club's Christmas party in the Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Some of the 18 members who attended were in fancy dress which led to two pixies playing against a bottle of beer and a banana. Looking forward to next year! Could be even more bizarre. Everyone was sustained throughout the evening by a buffet provided by the members. You could enjoy the fun - by joining. Call David Williams on 812923 for details.

## FIRE KILLS

It was just a few days after Christmas and my wife's first day back at work. I was so pleased as I could at last unleash my culinary skills in the kitchen once again. Two onions were finely chopped in the food processor and launched into a large saucepan containing about half an inch of hot oil. This was to be a curry to remember and one that none of the local take-aways could equal. "Damn" I uttered as the phone started to ring. It wasn't long before I was embroiled in a full and long conversation with an old friend and the curry - a thing of the past. Ten minutes later I replaced the receiver to be greeted by.....a house full of acrid thick smoke - Whoops or words to that effect.

In the kitchen I was confronted by flames coming from the saucepan and engulfing the cooker hood. I quickly forgot my cooking abilities to revert to my previous career as a firefighter. The heat was turned off on the cooker before I placed a DAMP tea towel over the flaming pan. When the pan had cooled sufficiently I relegated it to the garden whilst wearing oven gloves. I then spent the next four hours cleaning the kitchen paintwork and cooker of black oily soot and then I froze as all the windows and doors had to be left open to get rid of that awful burnt smell. I must admit that odours of the Punjab would have been far more pleasant.

Later I reflected on the situation - it was the dog's fault! Throughout it all he had barely blinked an eye as he relaxed on the sofa, but, had the postman approached he would have been barking like mad.

The moral of the above true story is - don't rely on your own senses to warn you of a fire in your own home (when your attention is taken elsewhere) and definitely don't rely on the dog. GET A SMOKE DETECTOR - THEY ARE FREE AND WILL BE FITTED FREE OF CHARGE BY YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION PERSONNEL. The Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service will fit a minimum of two and if needed - three. They will also advise of fire safety in the home. Remember, if I, one of the so-called experts, can have a fire THEN SO CAN YOU. Contact Fire Service Headquarters on 01480 444500 and ask for a smoke detector to be fitted..

This was sent in by a local resident who only after a lot of grovelling and apologising and penance has been allowed back into his kitchen.

## Thanks

Generous donations to the NCH Action for Children and the Salvation Army in the recent house to house collections in Upwood raised more than last year.

NCH.....£251.55                      Salvation Army.....£128.25

Both charities have expressed their thanks to the donors and for the efforts of the collectors.

## Parish Council Matters

The Council was sorry to be advised that Mrs. Fiona Hopkins felt obliged to resign because she had too many other commitments. Fortunately two residents volunteered to be co-opted to bring the Council up to strength. David Oldale and Graham Hillman will join the meeting in February.

The Parish notice boards require some attention and this has been arranged. The Tree Officer at HDC will be asked to advise about the effect of the trees in the Churchyard on St Peter's Church before any trimming is carried out. A plan of the cemetery in Meadow Road will be produced so that the Council can estimate how much space is available for internment over the next decade or so. The potential risk from cars being parked near the corner of Meadow Road and High Street has been resolved amicably. The next council meetings are Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

## UPWOOD QUILTING GROUP

*Please note that Upwood Quilters are moving their meetings to the last Tuesday in the month from 1.30 - 4.00 pm in the afternoon.*

The calendar for 2009 meetings is:      24<sup>th</sup> February      31<sup>st</sup> March      28<sup>th</sup> April  
26<sup>th</sup> May      30<sup>th</sup> June      28<sup>th</sup> July      25<sup>th</sup> August      29<sup>th</sup> September  
27<sup>th</sup> October      24<sup>th</sup> November      .....and the Christmas Social is on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

We are running a trip to York to the Quilt Museum on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. If you are interested in going to York for the day shopping or sightseeing we do have some spare seats at the cost of £18 which just covers the cost of the coach and the driver's tip. Seats are available on a strictly first come first served basis. If you are interested in adding your name to the list please contact one of the committee members listed below.

If you would like more details please contact Deana Hudson on 711221 or Margaret Jones on 814031 or Janet Philipp on 711462.

## For Sale:

HP Laserjet 4L black and white printer with spare cartridge. With USB connector. Works well on all systems except Vista. You offer a price. Call 814350 if you are interested.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers

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## Volunteering is good for you!

Contact: Ann Bunting Ramsey, Warboys & District Volunteer Centre, Methodist Hall

High Street Ramsey Cambridgeshire PE26 1AA Tel: 01487 814117

mail: [volunteers@ramvol.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@ramvol.fsnet.co.uk) Opening Times 10am – 12 Monday - Thursday

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## Cross Keys Diary Dates

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Valentines Dinner
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Bingo Night !!!!!
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	School Dinners Night.
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	St.Patrick's Dinner
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Charity Quiz
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Sr.George's Night Dinner.

### Also- new for 2009

Winter Warmer menu, Tuesday to Friday evenings.  
1 course £6.95, 2 courses £9.95, 3 courses £12.92

### And continuing

Over 50s lunches every Thursday a two course home cooked lunch for only £5.95.

### And

Every Thursday is Steak Night - 8oz rump or sirloin, 10oz gammon and a dessert for £10.95, or a 16oz. Rump steak and dessert for £14.50.

## UPWOOD 55 PLUS A very important coffee morning

At 8 High Street Upwood

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon

Emilie and Mariette Cracknell will be going to the Indian Himalayas with World Challenge at the beginning of 2009. They will be involved with a charity project to help a local community and will be doing a 15 day trek up to 5,000 metres altitude. They will be travelling with 16 other students, mostly from Ramsey's Abbey College.

Part of the challenge is to raise the £3,125 that they each have to pay to go on the trip. They also need to buy much of the equipment that they will have to take. They are working very hard and showing a lot of enterprise in their efforts to raise the money. They have already staged two events in the Village Hall. It is hoped that the proceeds from this Coffee Morning will go a little way to help them reach their target.

Emilie and Mariette will have more details of their expedition by the time of the coffee morning and will be there to share it with everyone.

Raffle Tickets only £1 Bring and Buy

Tickets obtainable from Margaret Carrington (812925)

Anne Marie Cracknell (812195)

Ruth Peckover (812048) Or buy one at the door.

Or at the door.

## Meet & Munch

Please note that for the following dates Meet and Munch will be at lunchtime, 1 pm in the Upwood Village Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> February. Are you an Upwood & Raveley resident, aged 55 and over? Why not come along for tea and chat with our friendly group.

Please contact Mags Dudley 812424 or Jean Place 813742 for further information.

## Upwood Art Group.

We meet every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 at the Village Hall during the winter although in fine weather we paint outdoors at various locations. Occasionally meetings are extended and we work til 2 or 3 in the afternoon and we have one or two Open Days during the winter. There is a trip to the Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy and we always visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge and enjoy lunch at Browns before visiting the Botanic Gardens. Not sure which of the three is the reason that it becomes a 'regular'. Transport is shared where necessary and we park and ride to Cambridge. The group co-hosts Art Exhibitions at the Ramsey Rural Museum in the summer too, so a variety of activities throughout the year.

Busy life? No time for yet another commitment? Come along one Saturday morning for a "taster" and see just how relaxing and enjoyable painting and drawing can be.

There is always a supply of paints and papers for visitors to try, so no need to buy and it won't cost you a fortune - just £2 a session with tea and coffee included. A bargain!

And please don't think that you can't draw a straight line - we have rulers! One to one teaching is available. Contact Frances Ashfield on 711411 for more information.

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

At the January meeting the members enjoyed a talk on Alpine Plants by Angela Whiting from the D'Arcy and Everest nursery near Somersham. She is well known for exhibiting containers of these fascinating plants and gave advice on how to structure and maintain these miniature displays. The February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will again be at the Rainbow Centre when Thomas Bedford will tell about the making of compost.

The club will be running a trip to the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Harlow Carr in Yorkshire on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The cost for non members including entrance to the gardens will be £16. The coach will leave the Cross Keys at 8.00 am and pick up at the Ramsey Clock Tower at 8.10 pm. If you are interested in joining us on the trip please contact Josie Gaunt on 01487 710702 to reserve a place.

Meetings start at 7.30 pm, visitors are welcome. For information call Ian Gaunt on 710702.

## Last chance to join JANE AUSTEN'S WORLD -

Upwood WEA Branch (Workers' Educational Association - a charity organisation) - the tutor is the well known Fiona Lucraft. The course starts on 4th February 2009 for 8 weeks, on a Wednesday evening 8pm - 9.30pm with a coffee break. The fee is £38 for the full 8 weeks (no concessions but anyone in receipt of income-based benefit or dependent upon someone who is, is entitled to a free place). The course is held at the Upwood Village Hall and everyone will be most welcome to attend. We shall be exploring Jane Austen's world through her novels and her life and times. The novels used for this course will be "Sense and Sensibility", "Persuasion" and "Pride and Prejudice". This course will appeal to anyone who loves her novels or the films adapted from her books

For further information or to put you name down for the course call Liz Carter on 01487 813008 or e-mail: [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz)

## A Worthy Cause - The 1940s Weekend

This annual event is managed by only a few people, and last year Brian Cunningham resigned as Chairman after holding that post since the beginning. We have one resident volunteering to join the committee, but several more would make the organisation of this event much easier. Apart from the committee vacancies, next years event will require a team of volunteers to help set up and dismantle the site. So would you spend a little time during the winter thinking about supporting the 1940s Weekend. Contact the Editor or ring Brian Cunningham on 710680.

## Home to Home

February 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a "Hands on Creative Evening". A little bird hinted that it may involve pottery and painting with Frances Ashfield.. On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March the theme is "Colour Me Beautiful" - style and fashion consultation. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April Jane Sills will be talking about Ramsey's Victorian Kitchen Garden. Visitors and new members are always welcome so why not come along one evening and meet the members. Contact Josie Gaunt on 01487 710702 for information.

## Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.

Twenty three of our members met for an excellent dinner at the Cross Keys instead of a January meeting. The AGM is in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and will be followed by a talk on the Ramsey Rural Museum by David Yardley. The meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May will feature Ian Burton exploring Papworth Villages. Later in the year there are talks on Victorian prisons and Pickwicks Fen. We also have visits to Stamford (with a guided tour) and Rockingham Castle arranged during the year. Visitors are welcome to our meetings which are informal and friendly. If you would like to join the group (Annual subscription only £10) please come along to one of our meetings. The AGM would be a good opportunity as it is the start of our year. For more information call Ian Gaunt on 710702.

## Sunday..Club



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (9.30-10.30am)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month as a family Service**

We meet twice a month including a family service. Mums, Dads, Children, babies and friends are equally welcome.

Our February meetings will be back in the Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March we will have a late pancake day and a drama of Lent and Passion Time.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April we want to parade for Palm Sunday in the High Street. Everyone is invited to join us. There will be music and songs all the way to the Church.

I am still collecting drinks cans in aid of a children's hospice in Romania dealing with HIV+ children who have very little and showing our love gives them strength and hope. So thank you for collecting and bringing your aluminium cans to me. (back door of 106 High St, Upwood) AM Cracknell 01487 812195

## St Peter's Church Upwood - services.

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Morning prayer	9.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion by Ext.	9.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	All Praise	9.30 am
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Holy Communion	9.30 am
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Morning Prayer	9.30 am
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion by Ext	9.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup> March	All Praise	9.30 am
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothering Sunday service and Holy Communion	9.30 am
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Team service at Ramsey St Mary's with Bishop David	10.00am

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> February	First meeting of WEA "Jane Austen's World" course
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Meet and Munch
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup> February	Garden Club meeting
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> February	A very important coffee morning - 55plus
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Home to Home Hands-On evening of painting and drawing
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for handing in Archive Group quiz sheets
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> March	History Group AGM and talk
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Home to Home "Colour me beautiful"
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Garden Club trip to RHS Harlow Carr
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Neighbourhood Policing Panel meeting
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> May	History Group meeting
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood "Open Gardens" and Flower Festival
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood School Annual Ball
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood Village Fete
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Horticultural Society Annual Show,

## Upwood & The Raveleys Community Archive Group

**Quiz.** Just before Christmas the Upwood Group sold a few quiz sheets with questions linked to the local area and information obtainable from the website. Unfortunately the website then had major problems and could not be accessed for several weeks so we stopped selling the quizzes, became very embarrassed and grovelled to everyone that we saw. The website is now working again, we are selling quizzes again and can only apologise - it was something way beyond our control. As a result we have extended the deadline. **The deadline for handing the quizzes back is now 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.** This should give everyone time to fill them in post panto! If you would like to buy a quiz or have some assistance using the website then contact Judith Harvey on 710219 or Margaret Jones on 814031. Quizzes only cost £1 and the money will be used to stage an exhibition of photos, hopefully including some of yours, of village life in 2009

**Record of Village Life in 2009:** The aim is to preserve a record of village life past and present. The Group is attempting to produce a snapshot of our villages in 2009 by gathering photos of anything (big or small, routine or unusual) going on in the villages. We need your help taking pictures of anything interesting so that at the rear end there will be a good record.