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Editorial

I am constantly amazed at the ingenuity of some people to con other people out of money. I received an official looking e-mail from HMRC, (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) complete with logo, advising me that I was due a refund, and to download the attached form, complete it and return it to receive the refund. The name was English and gave a phone number also a standard 01 prefix. I rang it, and the man named said that he was at HMRC and I did have a tax refund due. Then I rang my own tax office in Leicester who said that the e-mail was a fake. The object of it is to get your bank account details so that they can take money out. I forwarded the e-mail to HMRC's security department. Remember, your bank, building society, credit card company, Inland Revenue, etc DO NOT E-MAIL YOU FOR ANYTHING

Parish Council Matters

In June the Parish Council agreed to support the Newsletter with sufficient funds for 2009. It declined to support the Rotary Club in Ramsey which sought funds for a new float. Three new allotments have been allocated and are being actively managed. Trimming of the conifers in St. Peter's Churchyard will go ahead once more information is available. Some of the lower branches of trees in the cemetery will be trimmed to avert the risk of the maintenance man being knocked off his tractor.

Trees and hedges seem to feature more at recent meetings. Recent tree falls in the spinney in the High Street and concerns about the overgrown hedge on the corner of Meadow Road and Huntingdon Road.

Full minutes of Parish Council meetings are published in the three village notice boards and on the village website

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Table Tennis News.

Seventeen members of the club sped off to Hunstanton for the day on Sunday 27th June in a hired minibus. They left the "Cross Keys" at 8.45 am and arrived at Hunstanton late morning after a welcome coffee stop during the journey.

Once at the resort two rounds of crazy golf were the order of the day just to start things off. Special rates were requested and received. Deck chairs were then required and after hard bargaining we duly received 17 deck chairs which were set up on the beach. A game of cricket was next on the agenda, much to the amusement of the holiday makers who watched the "oldies" having fun.

17 fish and chip dinners duly arrived in the early afternoon (no concessions here) and they went down well in the sunshine on the beach.

After a short sunbathing session the male contingent took on the Ladies at "rounders". Needless to say the males won hands down, although according to the Ladies this was after some cheating! Just bad losers.

Thirsty work running around on the sand so it was off to the town centre for afternoon tea and relaxing on the green. Early evening was spent at the fun fair, mainly on the dodgems, creating havoc and knocking hells bells out of the other drivers.

Leaving Hunstanton behind at 8 pm a water stop came at Wisbech, which the local landlord appreciated. The golden oldies returned to Upwood around 11 pm.

For the record the Table Tennis evening is in the Village Hall every Tuesday evening commencing at 8 pm until 10 pm. It is most enjoyable, great company and not taken too seriously, but always a great evening out. Contact David Williams on 812923 for details.

UPWOOD 55 PLUS

Come to our coffee morning on Thursday 10th September from 10.30 til noon at 19 Church Lane. Tickets only £1.

If you want to join, or have more information, contact Ruth Peckover on 812048.

Meet & Munch

Saturday 1st August, meeting in the Village Hall between 3 and 4.30 pm

Saturday 5th September meeting in Village Hall between 3 and 4.30 pm

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

Cambridgeshire Mini-bus Brokerage Scheme

If your group/organisation/society want to hire a minibus it could be helpful if you contact Cambridgeshire Minibus Brokerage Scheme (CaMBS).

If you want more details call 03450451151, or e-mail community.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or phone 01223 715606

Or write to Community Transport Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box CC1302, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

Upwood and the Raveleys Village Fete 2009.

This year's fete proved even more popular with visitors and the gate was "up" on previous years. The ticket sellers were busy all afternoon and Chris, the MC, and the musicians entertained everyone until Lord Mawhinney officially opened the fete.

There were lots of games and stalls, things to try, buy or eat to suit all ages. Where else could you enter a competition to see who could pick up the most plastic spoons with the "wrong" hand or throw wet sponges at a soggy victim, guess the weight of a cake or play putting golf? The pet show was a great success, more pets than ever before were entered and the judge had a

tough time picking winners.

Heartsease, regular entertainers at the fete, performed country dances. The children from Upwood School gave a spirited gymnastics routine and a gentleman demonstrated Norfolk dancing on a wooden board. Quite a variety!

Visitors had the chance to buy cakes, burgers, plants and bric-a-brac and the community tent had information about most of the village organisations. The tombola had lots of prizes and the teddy tombola pleased the children. Martin and his wheelbarrow did a great job, with wine galore for the winners. There was a Fergy to admire and ladies spinning yarn from the sheep nearby. Chris, the master of ceremonies, took a break, and was seen spinning very successfully. What a talented man!

The afternoon ended with prize giving and the raffle draw and rain.....Well that's traditional too. All in all a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by lots of folk. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.

There will be a visit and guided tour of Rockingham Castle on Tuesday August 18th. Our meeting on September 16th will feature Mike Petty talking about "Pickwick's Fen". On November 18th, David Cozens will talk on "Local History". Visitors are welcome to our meetings which are informal and friendly. If you would like to join the group (Annual subscription £10) then please come along to one of our meetings. If you require any further information, please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702).

Ramsey Bridge Club

Don't be put off by the word "Ramsey", a number of Upwood residents are members. It meets in Bury Village Hall too.

The club is looking for new members to join them on Thursday each week. If you would like to know more about the club, or would enjoy a friendly game once a week then please contact one of the following:-

Lainey Halden on 812246 Paddy Slater on 812006 - Upwood members

Bill and Audrey Quinton on 813349 - Ramsey members

Angela Caton on 813243 - Bury member.

If you have never played duplicate bridge before, any of the above will be happy to have a chat with you and even arrange a game for you.

UPWOOD OPEN GARDENS DAY. Sunday 7th June.

What a day! Twelve open gardens, as many garage sales, an art show and refreshments galore in the Village Hall, alongside a Flower and Bridal display in the church. Perfect for a "day out" in Upwood.....but.....

Needless to say the promised fantastic summer weather didn't happen on that day. It rained bucket-loads all morning and I was very surprised at 11am, starting time, to see a gentleman in my garden, clutching a very soggy map and an umbrella. From the dry comfort of the conservatory I asked if he needed the guided tour and to my gratitude he declined the offer. I genuinely thought that he'd be the first and last visitor. No, anything but!! The estimated number of visitors, and tickets printed, was woefully inadequate and reprints had to be rushed to the hall.

It stop raining in the afternoon and visitors were still arriving at closing time. The ladies

"manning" the refreshments were run off their feet and did a sterling job, filling orders for lunches and teas. The art group sold several pictures and raffle tickets, for the prize hamper, were snapped up. All in all a really successful event, despite the awful weather .

Our thanks to all the keen gardeners who allowed us to see their beautiful gardens, the garage salers for their contribution to the day, the brilliant ladies who fed us, the Church members Floral Festival and the Upwood and Raveleys Fete Committee Members for promoting the event. A very special thank you to all the wonderful people who came regardless of the foul weather and to Josie Gaunt who planned and finalised the whole thing. It was without doubt the most successful Open Gardens we've had and raised quite a sum of money for Village Funds. Thank you.

The Fete Committee AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th Sept. Details in this newsletter. Come along and meet the people who arrange events, like the Open Gardens, you may be tempted to join us. Needless to say new committee members will be welcomed with open arms.

A THANK YOU

The Upwood and Raveleys Fete Committee members would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's event such a success. Without the many volunteers who help on the day, and those who contribute before and after the fete, the committee couldn't manage. We would like to send our sincere thanks to you all.

On a personal note I should like to thank the committee members, there would definitely be no fete without them, and I hope that they will be available to organise next year's event, our tenth. A thank you too, to Lord Mawhinney who has supported the Fete Committee from year one. THANK YOU.

Frances Ashfield. Committee Chair.

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.

There are still some **Red Books** entitled "Upwood & Raveley Village memories 1900-2000 for sale available from Ian Gaunt (Tel: 710702).

HOME TO HOME

Members who went to Elton Hall, in June, enjoyed a guided tour of the Hall, and a visit to the very pretty gardens, in glorious sunshine. The "house" is still a family home and very "lived-in". It has a library that bibliophiles would die for and a salon in which generations of cleaning ladies probably died whilst dusting!! Lots of styles and periods showing how the hall has changed during the different occupants' tenure made the tour very interesting and the guide obviously loved the place. The adjoining Garden Centre, though not under the same ownership, served cream teas and had a good range of plants to buy. It was a very pleasant afternoon in good company.

Home to Home is a social group open to ladies of all ages. The committee tries to provide a varied programme and welcomes ideas for future events and outings.

The "new year" begins in September and the group meets in the Village Hall at 8pm on Monday 28th, for a club night and enrolment. New members and visitors are always welcome. Need more details? Then call Josie on 01487 710702

UPWOOD ART GROUP

Open Gardens Day provided the group with an opportunity to display work in the Village Hall. Members produced a wide range of pictures for visitors to enjoy while having refreshments and, although not staged as a selling exhibition, to our surprise we sold four pictures.

During the summer the group paints at a variety of venues, we usually meet at the Hall at 10am each week. Anyone who arrives late will find a note on the door giving our location so you can find us. Transport is shared if we leave the village. New members are more than welcome, just come along on Saturday and meet us. Materials are available to try so no need to buy paints etc if you are new to picture making. It's a very friendly group, lots of help and advice when needed, and fun to work with.

UAG co-hosts the Open Art Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum on August 8/9th. More than 130 pictures by artists from all over the county, and further afield, are displayed at the museum. Well worth a visit! On 15th August members visit the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. A great day out!

During the autumn we're lucky enough to have Kev, a professional model, sit for us. Other subject matter is provided and there is a small library of art books available for reference. Tempted? Come and meet the group or ring Frances on 01487 711411 and I'll do my best to persuade you to come along, pick up a brush and enjoy painting.

Special Fish and Chips

The high quality of the "Cross Keys" fish and chips is almost legendary. For only £3.99 one gets a large piece of battered fish and a man sized helping of delicious chips that you can order and take away. The newsletter's food correspondent sampled this fare and reports that it is excellent value for money.

Just call Jane and Kevin on 813384 to place an order.

More from the "Cross Keys"

The "Cross Keys" is one of the villages social centres now, more than ever it needs our support. Kevin and Jane are introducing some new promotions and bringing back some old favourites. Starting in September...dine out for £10. Starting in the autumn, there will be quizzes and bingo nights. Support your local pub.

NEW CLASS - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS!

UPWOOD BRANCH WEA - the Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 23 September at 10.30 am - 12 noon in the Village Hall. 'Evolution - the Story of the Last Four Billion Years'. 10 weeks with extra field trip on Wednesday 9 December to the Museum of Geology in Cambridge. Fee £44.50 for 10 weeks - concessions available for unwaged.



"This is the story of the Earth and the life that populates it and how both the planet and its living creatures have influenced each other as they evolved together through nearly four billion years. It is also the story of how this tale was pieced together and of the naturalists, surveyors and geologists who unravelled it. We shall round off the story with the emergence of humankind. No previous knowledge is required: all the ideas we need will be introduced and explained on the course."

If you are interested in joining the course or would like more information, call the secretary Liz Carter on (01487) 813008 or email at liz@backtracks.biz

**RAMSEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE**

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL, HIGH STREET, RAMSEY
SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 10 – 2
ENTRANCE FREE**

BARGAINS, BARGAINS, BARGAINS CRAFTS REFRESHMENTS

SELLERS: TO BOOK A TABLE (£5) PLEASE RING 815145

Upwood Pantomime Society - Panto 2010

Beauty and the Beast

Chorus Auditions

7.30pm on Thursday 3rd September at Upwood Village Hall

For further information please contact:

Martin Muir (Director): 711455 or Doug McLeod (Producer): 814114

All information will be available to download from the pantomime pages of the village website: www.upwood.org

Fed up with boring television repeats?

Why not fill those nights doing something different but enjoyable -

come on your own or bring a friend!

We will be running the following classes in the Ramsey area from
September:

**Belly Dancing * Ballroom Dancing * Salsa * Yoga * Body Conditioning
Pilates * Pottery * Flower Arranging * Jewellery Making
Painting & Drawing * Star Watching - Astronomy for Beginners
Stained Glass * DIY for the Home * DIY Tiling * Furniture
Restoration Bird Watching * Meditation * Healthy Cooking * Indian
Cookery**

**Cooking Together - Parent & Child classes * Creative Writing
Spanish (beginners & improvers) * Sign Language Introduction *
ESOL (English classes) * Computing Made Easy
Computing Expanded * ECDL * Introduction to Indian Head Massage
Skin Care & Make-up * Adult Tap Dancing * Dance Yourself Fit
FREE TASTER EVENING: 10TH SEPTEMBER 6-9PM**

**(come along & sample our courses for free - no obligation -
a fun evening for all the family)**

For more information or to enrol, contact the Adult Community Learning office on 01487 ... / 812352 or email: acl@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

There is also a link to ParentPay, where you can make on-line payments
Opening times: Monday to Thursday 10am – 2pm (N.B. we are closed from 20 July - 2 September) *Cheques are not cashed until the course is confirmed*

The Village Website

Doug McLeod has done lots of work on the history pages of the village website. Direct links to CCAN pages are now being added. You will be able to find more information and pictures by following these links from the village website www.upwood.org

**UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING 2009**

The purpose of the Fete is to raise funds for Upwood St. Peter's Church, The Village Hall, and other Parish Organisations/Societies.

If your Organisation/Society wishes to apply for funding for a specific project or item please apply in writing

by
25th August 2009

to
Deana Hudson Treasurer
The Upwood & Raveleys Village Fete
The Old Post Office, 71-73 High Street,
Upwood, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 2QE.

The Fete AGM will be held on Monday 7th September 2009 in the Village Hall at 8.15 pm when all successful awards will be announced. Do come and join us at the meeting for a cup of tea/coffee and to hear just what we have been doing during the year.

Rabbit Snares

The editor has been asked to publicise the sad fact that a resident's cat came home recently with a rabbit snare round its neck. Fortunately the cat will survive its injuries, but whoever is setting snares should be aware that the practice is illegal. Anyone with information should contact the Police or the RSPCA.

We welcome John and Maria Jackson to Upwood. We hope that they will enjoy living in Upwood.

Performing Arts Events at Upwood Village Hall

The hall has hosted 2 more events under the sponsorship of Arts in Cambridgeshire on Tour **[act]**.

In May there was a sell-out audience to see MSFits Theatre's production of "**Fur Coat and Magic Knickers**". Fiona Knowles put on a fantastic one woman performance which was full of humour and pathos. She played all three parts in the play: Maggie - a compulsive shopper, Jenny - Maggie's personal shopper, and a wonderfully portrayed shop-lifting granny.

In June there was a very different kind of event with the screening of "**Mamma Mia**". Several members of the audience dressed up for the occasion with the winner being Dee Smith who turned up as Meryl Streep - blue dungarees, blond wig and all. There was plenty of audience participation throughout all the musical numbers of the film with the highlight being a duet of "Thank you for the music" performed by Dee with assistance from Tom Markland.

NB Because the village hall is offered these events at a subsidised rate, the

vast majority of any profit made on ticket sales is given to **[act]**, who also agree to underwrite a percentage of any losses made on ticket sales. The hall is, however, permitted to keep any profit made from raffles and bar sales.

Ramsey and District Garden Club.

If you are interested in gardens or gardening why not come along to the Garden Club? This is not aimed at expert gardeners but is for anyone who is interested in the subject. We attempt to have a varied programme to provide something of interest to everyone. Over the last months we have had talks on growing pelargoniums and fuchsias, fragrance in the garden and 'Anglia in Bloom'. There is no meeting in July but we will have held our Annual Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum on Saturday 25th July. The next meeting will be at the Rainbow resource Centre in Ramsey at 7.30 on 21st September when the speaker will be Geoff Hodge who is a journalist and will be talking on "The life and times of a garden editor".

The Club will be running a trip to Kew gardens on 6th September. The cost for transport and entry to the garden for non-members will be £24. If you are interested in joining us on this trip please contact Josie Gaunt on (01487 710702) to reserve a place or for more information.

Upwood Quilt Group

Proudly present their 2nd

PATCHWORK QUILTING AND NEEDLEWORK SHOW *Cream Tea afternoon*

Sunday 13th September 2009

2-4.30pm

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

CANCER CHARITY ***QUILT TO BE RAFFLED ON THE DAY*** ***Sewing/handicraft themed tombola*** ***Sale of Work***

ENTRANCE: £1.50 Adults (to include 1 cream tea) 50p children (to include squash & biscuit)

Tickets available from a member of the Quilt Group or on the door

Further details call Deana Hudson on 01487 711221

Ramsey Rural Museum

Remember that you have your local museum in Wood Lane Ramsey (entrance opposite the cemetery). It is an ideal spot for a visit or to take visitors to and introduce them to the locality. This isn't just a collection of old farm machinery, there are replica shops of the Victorian period and a wheelwright's and blacksmith's shop. There is a Victorian schoolroom and displays relating to World War 2 and Upwood aerodrome. And there is a tea-shop selling refreshments as well as helpful volunteers to answer you questions.

The Museum is open on Thursdays (from 10 am til 5 pm) and Sundays (from 2 until 5pm) as well as Bank Holidays and "Special Events".

Sat/Sun	8 th /9 th Aug.	Art exhibition by local artists - fantastic show.
Sun	16 th Aug	Model Railway Day - layouts, trade stalls, rides.
Sun	27 th Sept	Heritage/genealogy Day. How to research your family.
Sun	27 th Sept	Classic vehicle Show - cars, commercial vehicles, and much more in this new for 2009 event.

Want more information? Call Jane Yardley on 01487 814304

1940's week end on RAF Upwood. Are you going?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat	1 st August	Meet and Munch
Sat/Sun	8/9 th August	Art Exhibition at Ramsey Rural Museum
Tue	11 th August	55+ visit to National Memorial Arboretum
Sat	15 th August	Art Group visit Royal Academy Exhibition Indoor sale in Ramsey Methodist Church
Sun	16 th August	Model railways at Ramsey Rural Museum
Tue	25 th August	Quilters meeting
Sat	29 th August	St. Peter's Churchyard clean-up
Thu	3 rd September	Chorus auditions in village hall
Mon	7 th September	Fete Committee AGM in Village hall
Thu	10 th September	55+ Coffee Morning at 19 Church Lane "taster evening" at Abbey College
Sat	12 th September	Church project in Village Hall -with lunch
Sun	13 th September	Quilters show in Village hall
Sat	19 th September	Songs & Praise on Fairmead Green
Mon	21 st September	Garden Club meeting at Rainbow Centre
Wed	23 rd September	WEA Autumn term starts in Village Hall
Sat	26 th -29 th Sept	Thomas a'Becket Flower Festival - 3 days
Sun	27 th September	Heritage and genealogy at Rural Museum
Mon	28 th September	Home to Home meeting in Village hall
Sat	10 th October	Ramsey Choral Society workshop
Sun	18 th October	Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church



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ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH
RAMSEY
FLOWER FESTIVAL

26 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2009 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. EACH DAY

This year is our 40th anniversary so we have moved from our usual June date in order to celebrate on the same date as our original Festival, which was part of the town's celebrations of the millennium of Ramsey Abbey in 1969

Our splendid church will be full of beautiful flowers interpreting our "40" theme.

Becket Flower Group

Archive Group:

The archive group are running a photo competition over the summer. The subject is 'Life in Upwood and the Raveleys' - what happens in the villages. Entries should be a group of 3 photos either on the same subject or showing different aspects of life. This really is a competition for amateurs. You don't need to be an expert photographer as judging will be based on how well life in the villages has been captured. The subject(s) can be anything from bathing the dog to one of the village events.

There is an optional 50p entry fee to cover small prizes but the most important thing is to send in your photos. Judging will be by members of the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN) executive committee; as many entries as possible will go onto the CCAN website and be displayed later in the year.

Photo Competition 'Life in Upwood and the Raveleys'

Photos: Group of 3 photos showing life in the villages. Entries will be primarily judged on the subject matter.

Classes: 8 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Over

Entries: To 48 High Street, Upwood; clearly marked with name, contact details and entry class.

Deadline: 12 September 2009

Cost: *Optional 50p per entry (3 photos) to cover small prizes*

What about you?

The Village Hall Management Committee now needs more new members. Representatives from the various groups in the village would be welcome. Meetings are usually held monthly. For more details please contact Heike Penny, (Secretary) on 01733 844190.

The Bells...

Upwood Bell Ringers meet in the Church every Monday from 7.15 until 9.00 pm and enjoy playing from a broad range of music. We would welcome new members, young or old, as no experience is necessary. Please feel free to come along to watch and listen or join in.

For further information or an informal chat please contact Margaret Jones on 814031 or e-mail her on normanmag@jones52.eclipse.co.uk

Ramsey Choral Society

Ramsey Choral Society are holding a workshop day with the world renowned conductor Mike Brewer on Saturday 10th October at Abbey College South from 11 am to 5 pm. Cost is £12 for adults £5 for under 16s. Mike Brewer is the conductor of the national Youth Choir. The workshop is called "Tune up your Singing" and it is a real coup to have someone of this standing leading a workshop in Ramsey. Call June Green on 813562 or Margaret Bailey on 813075 for more details or to buy tickets.



Sunday Club

6th September the Sunday Club is invited to the Youth Service in St. Thomas a'Becket Church in the afternoon. See the poster.

13th September is the usual meeting

20th September is a Family service at 11 am in Ramsey St. Mary's church

We meet twice a month including a family service during the school year. Mums, Dads, children, babies and friends are equally welcome.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and we will be back in September 13th.

Also, the youth in our parish are inviting Sunday Club children to come to their Youth Service

in Ramsey Thomas a Becket on 6th September afternoon (see posters)

If you need to know more contact Anne Marie. On 812195

I am still collecting coke cans; we are sending donations to Romania towards a children hospice dealing with HIV+ children. Those children have very little and

showing our love gives them strength and hope.

We thank you for collecting and taking your aluminium cans to me. (back door of 106 High St, Upwood)

Upwood St Peter Church Services

2nd Aug	Morning Prayer 9.30am	9th Aug	Holy Communion 9.30am
16th Aug	All Praise 9.30am	23rd Aug	Holy Communion 9.30am
30th Aug	Team Service Thomas a Becket 10am (no Service in Upwood)		
6 th Sept	Morning Prayer 9.30 am	13 th Sept	Holy Communion 9.30 am
20 th Sept	Thanksgiving Service at Ramsey St. Mary's 11.am (no service in Upwood.		
27 th Sept	to be advised.		

Party in the Paddock 2

What a wonderful evening of family entertainment. Truly stretching across all the generations. It was like a who's who of Upwood village and their friends! As I gazed across the paddock it was evident teenagers were together in their groups, having such fun just being together and moving round the paddock! As I looked down on the rug near my feet, a 17month old little boy was having just as much fun trying to persuade his mum to give him yet more Pringles to hold in each hand and eat! And there were 20-somethings, and 30-somethings and 40... well you get the idea right up to OAP's.

We were treated to beautiful weather – throughout the day the big question was – will it, wont it?? Rain or not?? And it didn't! It was a beautiful balmy summer evening. So the paddock was at its best. Sunshine, marquee, paddock filled with tables and chairs, the barbeque chuffing away serving hot dogs and burgers, the bar busy supplying our thirsty needs.

First to take to the stage was Upwood musician (and 10 o'clock Curfew member), Doug McLeod. Doug played a fine selection of songs by the likes of Cyndi Lauper and Jez Lowe, even managing to generate some audience participation! It was a perfect opener to the proceedings.

Doug had barely finished his last song before The Overloads raced onto the stage like greyhounds out of their traps! It was obvious that they were keen to get on with their set and the marquee soon filled with their families, friends and (new) fans. This was their first public performance and the boys (Daniel McManus, Josh Rule and Tom Cuthbert) were obviously initially nervous. However, they grew in confidence as they played through songs by the likes of Metallica and Kid Rock. It was a delight to witness all their hard work come to fruition and, who knows, one day we might all be able to say "I was there at The Overloads' first ever concert". The crowd wouldn't let them leave the stage at the end and so they encored with a repeat of a Kings of Leon song, again to rapturous applause.

The musical entertainment from Upwood's own Ten O'Clock Curfew, was

fabulous – fun, entertaining, great musicianship and professional skill. What more could we ask for?

A write up or conversation about “Party in the Paddock” could not begin or end without mention of our hosts, Kevin and Jane, from the Cross Keys. Their attention to detail is meticulous, their style always on the button and their quality of service to their clients always professional while maintaining a friendly informal atmosphere. Thank you Jane and Kevin, the village of Upwood and its inhabitants are blessed to have you as our landlords!!
Kim Downes & Jon Novice

OPEN CHURCH PROJECT

On 18th July a start was made on smartening up the churchyard, by clearing undergrowth, removing ivy from gravestones etc.

Many hands make light work

Could you spare an hour?

We are seeking volunteers to help with another session of improving the churchyard, which will be on Saturday 29th August from 9am to 10am. If you can spare an hour to ‘muck in’ please come along with useful tools such as wheelbarrow, fork, shears, gloves. For more details ring AnneMarie on 812195 (annemarie.upwood@virgin.net) or Gordon on 815951 (gordon@uwclub.net)

Project launch 12th September ...

This is part of a wider project of modernising the church interior and improving the churchyard. To launch this project you are invited to a ‘Ploughman’s Lunch’ on Saturday 12th September from 12.30 to 2pm in Upwood Village Hall. Here you will be able to peruse the plans and air your views on the suggested re-ordering of the church (to include a toilet, kitchen area etc). Everyone is invited. To help with catering please let AnneMarie or Joyce (813955) know that you will be coming. The cost is £3.50 per person, just pay on the door.

Name this project ...

At the Ploughman’s Lunch we will be inviting suggestions for a suitable name for the project, so thinking caps on!

Harvest Thanksgiving

This year’s Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 18th October, with the Harvest Festival service in church at 11am (please note time), followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall from 12 noon. For tickets, please contact AnneMarie or Joyce. At the lunch there will again be an opportunity to see the plans for the improvements to the church, with a short informative talk and Powerpoint presentation by Fiona and Miles Hopkins.

To put in your diary

On 19th September, St Peter church will have a “Songs & Praise” in Fairmead on the green. Please join in @ 6pm to sing together and Praise the Lord.