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Editorial

Change is a natural part of our daily lives. Some changes are inevitable and we simply accept them. However some changes are mooted which are puzzling and perhaps deserve further thought or comment. One such change is proposed in Upwood. It seems that there is a plan to make changes to St. Peter's Church which would take out the old pews for modern chairs which, it is said, would be more adaptable. For what? We have a very good village hall which is well used and is adaptable, even to the extent that it hosts the annual pantomime. Then a kitchen and toilets are proposed. It could be argued that the plan to install a water supply with other works could cause serious problems for an ancient building that does not have modern deep foundations. Improving the heating is a reasonable suggestion. On a personal note I would like to see the integrity of the church retained, and not risk permanent damage from what started out as "a good idea".

What do you think?

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Development of RAF Upwood

Strawsons have applied to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for non determination of the application by Huntingdonshire D, C.

Note: Deadline for the December issue is the 19th November..

The Editor is very diligent but regrets that he cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or omissions.

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Parish Council Matters

The council has of late been asked to pay for work on the trees in the churchyard at St. Peter's and the question was raised regarding the responsibility of the Parish Council to pay for such maintenance. The Diocesan Secretary has since advised that the Parochial Church Council can turn over the responsibility for a closed churchyard to the local council - which is accepted. The final approval for improvement to the cemetery entrance has been received and contracts awarded for the groundworks and new gates. This project is partly funded by the District Council

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

Mick Jagger coming to live in Upwood?????

In 1972 the "Hunts Post" carried a story that Mick Jagger was coming to live at Upwood House. It claimed that he had visited the village at least three times and his helicopter had landed in the grounds of the house. But it was not to be. John Moxon, who owned the house at that time, denied the rumour, although the house was up for sale. Mick Jagger's agents also denied the rumour, saying that he already had three houses. And the helicopter? It was a crop sprayer! Who started the rumour? No one knows. Thanks to Steven Howes for the newspaper cutting.

Upwood Christmas Fair

Have you put the date, Saturday 28th November in your diary? 10 am til 5pm. Entrance 50pence. Children can come in FREE

Upwood Pantomime Society - Panto 2010

Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm

Thursday 28th January at 7.30pm

Friday 29th January at 7.30pm

Saturday 30th January at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Box Office (01487 814114) opens Tues 1st December at 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £8 Child £6

A thank you

In the last newsletter we welcomed John and Maria Jackson to the village. They are delighted and wish to thank you for making them feel so much part of the village already.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE

FETE COMMITTEE

Are pleased to announce the following

GRANTS FOR 2009

Upwood St. Peter's PCC	£400.00
Upwood and the Raveleys Newsletter	£400.00
Upwood & Community Extended Care and Education Project	£200.00
Upwood 55 Plus Club	£75.00
Meet and Munch	£50.00

The Editor thanks the Fete Committee for its continuing support of the newsletter.

Meet & Munch


We meet at 1 pm for lunch in Upwood Village Hall on the following dates: 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December, 6th February 2010. There is no meeting in January because the Village Pantomime is in the hall. If you are an Upwood & The Raveleys resident aged 65 or over why not come along and join us. Please contact Mags Dudley 812424 or Jean Place 813742 for information.

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. In July we held our Annual Show, in September we visited Kew Gardens and at the September meeting we had a highly informative and entertaining talk entitled "The life and times of a garden editor".

The next meeting will be at the Rainbow Resource Centre in Ramsey at 7.30 on 19th October when we will hold our AGM and have a quiz and a social get-together. From experience these quizzes are very entertaining and not too stressful. In November we are holding a "Gardener's Question Time".

If you would like any further information please contact Ian Gaunt on 710702.



The Milton Childrens' Hospice is looking for collecting box organisers and Publicity Officers.

Both roles would involve a few hours a month and full training will be given. Your help will enable us to ensure that we can continue to provide care to children with life-threatening conditions and complex health care needs and support to their families

If you are interested in becoming part of the children's hospice at Milton and would like to learn more about the work of EACH please come along to our Volunteer Open Day on Monday 12 October 2009 from 3pm-6pm.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Nicky Jackson or Beccy Turner on 01223 205180 or email nicky.jackson@each.org.uk to book your place and to answer any questions.

Registered charity number 10692894

Upwood and The Raveleys History Group

Meetings are held every two months at 7.45 pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Upwood Village Hall. The meeting in September was a highly informative talk on "Pickwick's Fen" by Mike Petty,

The next meeting will be on November 18th, when 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).

Adult Sports Tasters

The District Council's Sport and Active Lifestyle Team have set up opportunities for you to try something new, from October to December. Archery, Rugby, Canoeing, Scuba Diving, Golf, Indoor Climbing, Squash, Racketball, Pilates and Yoga are all available for you to see if you would like to participate. Call the team now on 01480 388842 for more information.

Watch what you say.

A Ramsey woman chased the bin men down the road, calling "Am I too late?" "No", they said, "Jump in the back."

Upwood Village Hall Forthcoming Events

Fensong

Saturday 7th November 8.00pm

A magical mixture of exquisite music and lyrical poetry inspired by the East Anglian landscape, performed by singer/songwriter Penni McLaren-Walker, poet Clare Crossman and multi-instrumentalist Bryan Causton.

Tickets £7.00 Concessions £6.00 Box Office 01487 814114

This performance is arranged in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour [act]

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.

Recycling news.

Did you know that you and your neighbours are among the top recyclers in the country? Thanks to residents, Huntingdonshire District Council ranked 5th for recycling and composting in 2007/8.

57.4% of your rubbish was recycled last year, and to support this excellent work and decrease the 36,600 tonnes which were still sent to landfill, Cambridgeshire County Council is building a £3 million state-of-the-art indoor recycling centre on Cromwell Road Industrial Estate in St Neots.

The Council is building this facility in an environmentally-friendly way, by reusing an existing building and recycling construction materials. Solar heating will be used in the office areas and unnecessary concrete surrounding the centre has been dug up so that native trees, shrubs and wildflowers can be planted. Bird and insect boxes will be put up later in the year.

Sunday Club

11th Oct, 18th Oct (Harvest Festival) and 29th Nov

We meet every month during school term. Mums, Dads, children, babies and friends are equally welcome.

This month the Sunday Club will be considering the wonder of God and helping with thanksgiving arrangements.

We found a Biblical recipe for a "cake" and look forward to translating this and making a cake that we can hopefully eat together next time we meet.

If you read this and wish to be with us at the Sunday Club, just come along and join in! If you need to know more contact Anne Marie.

annemarie.upwood@virgin.net or call her on 812195

Recycling Alu.

Unfortunately, Ramsey scrap metal dealer has closed and going to either Peterborough or Chatteris is not economical at current aluminium scarp value. So I have to, very reluctantly, give up recycling Aluminium Cans and will rely on other sources for donations to the Romanian HIV+ children of Cernavoda. The children of Sunday Club and I thank you a great lot for having given your cans to me in the past. AM Cracknell 01487 812195

Upwood St Peter Church Services

4th Oct Morning Prayer 9.30am

11th Oct Holy Communion 9.30am

18th Oct Harvest Festival Family Communion (Ramsey St Mary invited) 11am followed by lunch

25th Oct Morning Prayer 9.30am

1st Nov Morning Prayer 9.30am

8th Nov Holy Communion 9.30am Remembrance Sunday

15th Nov Morning Prayer 9.30am

22nd Nov Holy Communion 9.30am

29th Nov Morning Prayer 9.30am

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sun. 18th October

Songs of Praise and Communion Service followed by Buffet style Harvest Lunch with a presentation of proposals for re-ordering St Peter's Church at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets and details from churchwardens

Posters advertising the event will be seen around the village!

Ploughman Lunch

On Saturday 12th September the Church invited people to come, eat and see the outline plans to modify the inside of the building. The food was good, people felt free to offer suggestions and comments on the proposals and overall, more was understood about the project on which we are about to embark, namely; to improve the facilities in the Church, including, water, toilets, kitchen, improved heating and options to allow more flexible use to the floor area.

As a result we raised £121 and want to thank all the helpers that made this possible and everyone who came.

HOME TO HOME

After the summer break Upwood's 'Home to Home' are about to start our new club year. New members are always welcome so do come along and meet us

Monday 26th October - Fire Safety in the Home with Kevin James

Monday 30th November - "Going Crackers" hands on Christmas Craft evening

Monday 14th December - Christmas Party

All meetings start in the Village Hall at 8 pm.

Membership for the year is £10.00. Or, if you'd like to come along to any of our open meetings during 2009/10, the entrance fee is £2.00, which includes refreshments.

More info from Josie Gaunt on 710712

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group. Special Price £3

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

Indian Trip Presentation

Emilie and Mariette are warmly inviting you to their presentation on:

Saturday 21st November

7.30pm

Upwood Village Hall

Bring & Share

£2 donation towards the cost of the hall and electricity

We will have a donation box at the door but could you let us know if you can make it

Please contact our mum: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

Must remember

To put the Christmas Fair in my diary

Saturday 28th November

UPWOOD ART GROUP - Visits the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition

On Saturday 15th August the Upwood Art Group enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2009. This exhibition aims to display a wide range of new work by both established and unknown artists in a range of different media and it has been held every year without interruption since 1769. A visit by the Upwood Art Group has now become another long standing tradition and this year's visit was an eye opening experience.....especially for those in the group like me who were attending for the first time. We all seemed to have totally different views about the paintings on display and Frances encouraged us all to contribute our opinions. At many points during the day we disagreed about the rival merits of a particular work of art - but we all amicably agreed to disagree. We were all equally horrified and amazed at the inflated prices being asked by some of the 'big names' in the art world and the 'figurative versus abstract' debate was interesting and lively. However there was virtually unanimous agreement about one painting that depicted a fried egg...although the artist was under the misapprehension that he had painted a tiger! The weather was kind to us, the company was stimulating, the lunch was enjoyable and we all agreed that it was a wonderful day out. So great was the enthusiasm that on our return we decided that Upwood needs its own version of the Royal Academy Exhibition - watch this space for an announcement about the group's forthcoming events.

Audrey Quinton

Tempted? Come and meet the group or ring Frances on 01487 711411

Table Tennis News.

The club had their inaugural mens and ladies singles tournaments in September, supported by nearly all its 26 members. The event was a huge success with fierce competition to win the coveted trophies and prizes of high quality bats. Brenda Manning and Dennis Halstead were the eventual winners in two closely fought contests. Each runner up received a large box of sweets donated by Tony and Sophie Evans.

The club is now operating from 7.30 until 10 pm every Tuesday for mainly doubles play, with exclusive "singles" nights starting every second Monday of each month from 12th December.

The club is currently considering having some expert coaching to improve the standard of play and possibly friendly matches against other local clubs.

For more information please contact David Williams on 01487 812923

UPWOOD CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

10am until 4pm

In

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Cards and cakes and gifts galore at the popular Christmas Fair. Refreshments will be served all day. Great Raffle. Entrance only 50 pence. Children FREE Don't miss it

If you would like a stall at the Fair call 711411 for details. Space is restricted so please get in touch as soon as possible.

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

What about you?

The Village Hall Management Committee now needs more new members. Representatives from the various groups in the village would be welcome. Interested? please contact Heike .Penny,(Secretary) on 01733 844190

The Bells...

Upwood Bell Ringers meet in the Church every Monday from 7.15 'til 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.

The Last Night of the (Rotary) Proms.

The Rotary Club of Ramsey are presenting a "Last Night of the Proms" concert at the Abbey College South Hall on Saturday 17th October at 7.30 pm. The Wyton based RAF Volunteer Band will provide the music. You provide the voices and the flags. Tickets are only £8, or concessions £6.50 and can be obtained from Carousel or Collins Butchers or by ringing 01487 813562.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat	3 rd October	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall at 1pm
Mon	5 th October	Parish Council meets in Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Sat	10 th October	Choral Society Workshop at Abbey College 11am - 5pm
Sat		Ramsey Choral Society workshop
Sat	17 th October	Ramsey Rotary "Last Night of the Proms" Abbey College 7.30pm
Sun	18 th October	Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Peter's Church
Mon	19 th October	Garden Club meets for AGM and quiz at Rainbow Centre 7.30pm
Sat	24 th October	Art Group "Open Day" in Village Hall
Mon	26 th October	Home to Home talk on "Fire Safety in the Home" at 8pm
Mon	2 nd November	Parish Council meets in Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Sat	7 th November	Meet and Munch in the Village hall at 1pm Fensong in the Village Hall at 8 pm
Mon	16 th November	Garden Club for Gardeners' Question Time - Rainbow Centre
Wed	18 th November	History Group with David Cozens about "Local History"
Sat	21 st November	Emilie and Mariette's Indian Trip presentation at 7.30pm Art Show in the Village Hall 11am to 5.30pm
Sat	28th November	Christmas Fair in the Village Hall
Mon	30 th November	Home to Home "Going Crackers" craft evening at 8pm
Tue	1 st December	Panto Booking Office opens
Sat	5 th December	Meet and Munch meets in the Village Hall at 1pm
Mon	14 th December	Home to Home Christmas party

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

Upwood Art Group

Despite the unreliable weather the group did manage to paint outdoors a few times this summer, although not as often as we would have liked. Let's hope that next year

is better.

The Open Art Show at the Rural Museum was very successful despite the credit crunch and sales were up on previous years. There were visitors from further afield thanks to the advertising and Radio Cambridge. A very pleasing weekend!

Thirteen of the members had a great day out in August, to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. The weather for once was glorious and London looked its best in the sunshine. As usual the Royal Academicians came up trumps with a display of art ranging from wonderful (some) to woefully awful (a lot). One new member of the group commented that "its amazing what you can get away with if you have RA after your name". We all came home feeling a lot more positive about our own work.

The group meets every Saturday at 10am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come in any morning to meet the members and watch them "at work". October 24th will be an Open Day when there will be a display of work and refreshments available for visitors. Entry is free so please come along and see what fun painting can be.

On November 21st there will be an Art Show in the Village Hall from 11am to 5.30pm. There'll be a wide range of paintings and artwork, so please come and enjoy a cuppa with pictures.

New members to the group are always welcome, it's friendly and fun. Need more information - call Frances on 711411

Keep Fit

As I stagger back from the gym several times a week I ponder on the benefit that I get from this exercise. Its taken a lot of effort these past few years just getting over the hill. They do say, I am told, that one of the benefits of keeping fit is that when you die people say "He looked good didn't he". Its not all bad though. When I say the word "exercise" I promptly wash my mouth out with chocolate. Mind you, at my age one of the benefits of strenuous exercise is that I get to hear heavy breathing again. I am minded of my grand-father though. He started walking five miles a day when he was sixty years old. By the time he was ninety seven we didn't know where the hell he was.

Oh yes,

In case you missed it, don't forget the Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November in the Village Hall. Take lots of pocket money.