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## Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter February 2010 Number 46

**APOLOGIES THAT THIS E-EDITION HAS ERRORS IN FORMATTING**

### Editorial

Christmas and New Year have come and gone, the snow has been and gone and we can all look forward to 2010 in the hope that it is kind to us all. In the seven years that I have been producing this newsletter I have followed the progress of the various activities in Upwood and the surrounding area. The Art Group and the Table Tennis Group are just two that were born in those years and have grown and enriched local life. The Horticultural society changed its name to the Garden Club to try and encourage people who otherwise may have considered it horticultural elitist. Newcomers are welcomed into our society and join in some of the activities. And there are those who put a lot of effort into protecting village life – particularly over-development with its consequent increase in traffic.

### Fireworks

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2009 a fireworks display on a scale hitherto unprecedented in the village was held in Upwood. Animal owners often face real traumas on 5<sup>th</sup> November and adjacent evenings and on New Years Eve, but being aware we can take special precautions. An unannounced display, however, can cause real problems. We ask that Upwood residents who intend to hold fireworks displays at times other than Guy Fawkes and New Year's Eve should publish advance notice of them in this newsletter and by notices at the Church and the Village Hall. No one wishes to curtail other people's pleasure, but each one of us shares a responsibility to respect the concerns of all.

(This also applies to parents of very young children and cares for very old people. Editor)

### Changes to local bus services

Service number 29, Ramsey/Warboys/St. Ives is cancelled from 14<sup>th</sup> February. A new service will be operated by Whippet Coaches with five journeys each way Monday to Saturday. No other details at this time.

**Note:** Deadline for the June 2010 issue is the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

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

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### Advance Notice

Macmillan Cancer Care and Ramsey Choral Society are working together to stage an open air music concert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in the grounds of Abbey College. Gates will open at 5pm for picnics and music starts at 6pm. Sounds great

### Meet & Munch

We meet at 1 pm for lunch in Upwood Village Hall on the following dates:  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 6<sup>th</sup> March and then the first Saturday every month. 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.

### Upwood Toddler Group

Upwood Toddler Group, a volunteer run group meets every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11am throughout the school term at Upwood Village Hall. Babies and toddlers have plenty of toys and games to play with. Refreshments and biscuits included (and tea and coffee for the mums) for £2 per child per session to cover hall hire and heating costs. For further details call Catherine Tuffin on 812924

### FUN FRIENDSHIP AND FOOD 55+

At our November meeting we were inspired by the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival in the Church and wished to show our artistic talents by cutting out varied and wonderful shapes from old Christmas cards to hang on our tree. An enjoyable time was had by all, lots of fun and laughter! We were "royally" entertained with a pantomime, Old King Cole, performed excellently by the Ramsey W.I. Drama Group. Our December lunch was held in the Cross keys where Kevin and Jan and staff served us up the most excellent Christmas meal and looked after us so well. We were entertained by Doug with some tales and songs and quite a bit of audience participation! It was all a wonderful start to the festive season. We are now looking forward to 2010 and our new and varied programme starting with a slide show from Mr. Evans on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. Do come along and join us. For more information ring Chris Bruce on 812327.

## HOME TO HOME

The Home to Home Christmas party held in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> December was a lovely evening. Twenty five members enjoyed a three course dinner provided by the committee. Thanks to them for a successful and enjoyable evening.

Anyone who visited the Christmas Tree display in the church will have seen a wide range of styles and types of trees. Among them was the Home to Home tree, decorated with crackers made by members at the November meeting. There were lots of lovely individual ideas and the church looked very festive. Could this be an annual event? So, now we look forward to the next events.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Hopi-Ear Candling, a demonstration by Uma Mistry

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Learning to spin - a demonstration by Carol Lovell

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Gardeners' Question Time with local experts.

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 710702

### Sunday Club

The Sunday Club is taking a little break and we will continue our meetings hopefully very soon. I want to thank all the people who have helped in the past and as soon as we can I will let you know the dates of our programme. Meanwhile, the children will be able to experience more rewarding time in the Church Services and any new child will have a very warm welcome in church. If you wish to contact me: Anne-Marie 01487 812195  
annmarie.upwood@virgin.net

*Did you know?* St Peter's Church is open every day to everyone who wants to come in.

### Upwood St Peter Church Services

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7th Feb.              | Morning Prayer 9.30am             |
| 14th Feb.             | Holy Communion 9.30am             |
| 21st Feb.             | Morning Prayer 9.30am             |
| 28th Feb.             | Holy Communion 9.30am             |
| 7th March.            | Morning Prayer 9.30am             |
| 14th March.           | Holy Communion 9.30am             |
| 21st March.           | Morning Prayer 9.30am             |
| 28th March.           | Holy Communion 9.30am Palm Sunday |
| Good Friday 2nd April | Easter 4th April                  |

## Upwood & The Raveleys Village Website Information

The "Local Links" section of the villages website is going to be revised shortly to include basic contact information about useful local services and businesses. If you would like your business or service to be included please send the following information to: [webmaster@upwood.org](mailto:webmaster@upwood.org) :-

*Name of business/ service*

*Type of business / service (e.g. plumber / builder / hairdresser etc)*

*Contact phone number / email*

*Website address (where appropriate)*

Some new files have also been added to the "Churches and Chapels" page in the History section. These are surname indexed lists of graves, including plot number plans, of all three graveyards and cemeteries in Upwood. These can be of particular interest to people doing family history research. *These updated lists have been prepared by members of the Upwood Community Archive Group.*

[www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org)

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### Fantastic FREE offers -

Quantity of barbeque fuel available - free to collector - ring 711411

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## 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 introduce them to the locality. You will find that this is not just a collection of old tractors and farm machinery. There are replicas of shops (General Stores, Shoe repairer and Chemists) of approximately the Victorian period and a Wheelwright/Blacksmith workshop as well as displays relating various trades. You can visit the Victorian School room and displays relating to Britain during World War II and to Upwood Aerodrome. You can finish with tea or coffee and refreshments and the friendly volunteers who run the museum are always pleased to talk about it, the exhibits and the way that the museum has developed.

To add to the interest of your day there are a large number of second hand books and an extensive collection of bric-a-brac for sale as well as a well stocked gift shop.

A new venture for 2010 will be a children's activity area

The museum is open on Thursdays (10.00 to 5.00) and Sundays (2.00 to 5.00) as well as Bank holidays and 'Special event' days (see below) from 3rd April to the end of October. Group visits are welcome and may be arranged at times other than the usual opening days. These group visits can include guided tours. There is ample free parking.

The events for 2010 are:

Bargain Barn; 3-5th April, Second hand book sale. There will be hundreds of books to suit all tastes together with CDs, DVDs, records and videos. Entrance to the barn will be free but there is a charge to visit the museum exhibits. Collectables will be available in the Bargain Barn from mid April

16th May, All creatures great and small. A fun day about pets including demonstrations of

dog training and a fun dog show. Bring your pet along. Veterinary staff from the Cromwell Practice will be on hand to give general advice of pet care.

13th June, plant sale. This is your opportunity to stock up with good quality plants grown locally and at reasonable prices.

26-27th June, International Museums 'On Air' weekend.

24th July Ramsey Horticultural Society Annual Show. This is an event for everyone, not just the members of the Society. Watch for posters and get a Schedule of the classes and enter. There is a lot more than just flowers and big vegetables (how about the best weed?).

7-8th August, Art exhibition. This is a chance to see some truly stunning art by local artists. Many of the exhibits are for sale.

15th August, Model Railway day. There will be numerous model railway layouts many of which are fascinating in their detail. There will be the opportunity for rides on a steam model railway and a range of trade stalls.

12th September, Heritage/Genealogy day, Come along and find out how to research your family and background.

26<sup>th</sup> September, Plough and Country Fayre Day.

For further details including bookings for group visits please contact Mike Latchem ([m.r.latchem@btinternet.com](mailto:m.r.latchem@btinternet.com)) or 01354 694241.

## The Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair on November 28<sup>th</sup> seems ages ago, but this is the first newsletter since the event. Thanks to all visitors and stallholders. It was a very successful and sociable day and the takings for the Village Funds were more than last year. The committee would like to thank all those who contributed whether with donations to the raffle having a stall or attending the Fair. Frances Ashfield

## Upwood Art Group

The Cross Keys was the venue for the Art Group's Christmas lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Jane and Kevin provided a lovely meal for 26 slightly noisy members. There was the usual rendering of poetry and jokes and Audrey won the "artist's box" in the raffle. It was particularly nice to have Mavis, a member on day one, back after her years in the States. A nice way to start the festive season.

Regular sessions will begin on February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall after the pantomime finishes. New members and visitors are always welcome and there's a wide choice of materials to try at no charge. Can't draw or paint? Yes you can, with a little help and encouragement so come and "have a go". Membership fees are minimal and include refreshments. There is a trip to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, The FitzWilliam Museum and Browns, several open days and Art Shows at the hall and a model who "sits" at least twice a year. The Group co-hosts the Summer Open Art Exhibition at the Ramsey Rural Museum, and in fine weather paints outdoors at a variety of venues, when transport is shared. Want to know more, call Frances on 711411.


## Upwood Home to Home

Monday 22 February 2010, 8pm, Upwood Village Hall Our next meeting is a demonstration by Uma Mistry, from Bury, of HOPI EAR CANDLING.

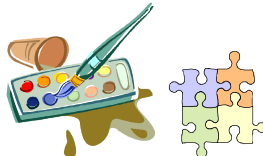
The Hopi Indians of north-east Arizona lend their name to this treatment. They used special candles in medicinal ceremonies and initiations. Today, the candles are used as a relaxing treatment to ease away the stresses of our Western culture and to address a number of problems relating to the ear, neck and face areas – such as headaches, migraine, catarrh, asthma, sore throats, hay fever, glue ear, sinusitis and neuralgia. On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March Carol Lovell will show us how to learn to spin.

## Cambridge Science Festival


Cambridge Science Festival is FREE and runs from 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 with Family Fun days from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March. The festival explores subjects from astronomy to zoology with demonstrations, hands on experiments, talks from leading scientists and visits to University and partner facilities. Over 150 events to interest families, adults and children, Want to know more - and there is lots more - call 01223 766766 for a hard copy programme or go to [www.cambridgeshirescience.org](http://www.cambridgeshirescience.org). Schools and colleges can also get involved - by contacting the organiser [sue.long@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:sue.long@admin.cam.ac.uk).



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## Table Tennis Club

The UTTC had their fancy dress Christmas Party in December with a splendid array of costumes. Belly Dancers, Egyptians, a cow complete with udders and a hippie were just a few of the sights on show. A veritable feast was again provided by the members to complete a splendid evening's entertainment which also included table tennis! The club is having its first Dinner/Dance at the "Cross Keys" on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Membership is full but you can go on the waiting list. Call David Williams on 812923



**NEED**  
**ALTOS &**  
**TENORS**

Hurstingstone Singers is a friendly accomplished Chamber Choir that specialises in English polyphonic music of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century (although we do also sing music from other periods).

We are looking for 2 Altos & Tenors to join our choir. We have some performance dates scheduled for the Spring and would like our vacancies filled as

soon as possible.

We rehearse in Abbots Ripton on a Tuesday evening.

If you are interested in finding out more, or would like to join us for a rehearsal night, our contact details are as follows:-

Website-[www.hurstingstone.co.uk](http://www.hurstingstone.co.uk)

E-mail-[hurstingstone@btinternet.com](mailto:hurstingstone@btinternet.com)

Telephone-07939 558138

### **UPWOOD QUILTERS**

2010 will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year as a group and we would welcome new members. Please don't be put off by the thought of sewing, if you haven't done any before, no problem; we are a self-help group so there is always someone to help. We are a friendly group whose numbers are rising, so why not come along and give us the 'once over' you never know you might even get a cup of tea!!! We meet on the last Tuesday in the month at Upwood Village Hall 1.30 - 4pm. We are already planning our exciting new programme for 2010. If you are interested in joining or would like more details please contact Deana Hudson on 01487 711221, Margaret Jones on 01487 814031 or Janet Philipp on 01487 711462.

### **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](http://www.upwood.org)

### **Ramsey and District Garden Club.**

The Garden Club is a group for anyone who has an interest in gardens or gardening. The meetings are held at 7.30 on the third Monday of each month in the Rainbow Resource Centre.

We have a varied programme of talks and demonstrations to provide something of interest to everyone. In addition, we arrange visits to gardens or garden-related events and, each year, one of these is a visit to one of the Royal Horticultural Society gardens. Over the last months we have had our own version of Gardeners Question Time and talks on Fragrance in the Garden and The Life and Times of a Garden Editor.

The next meeting on 15 February will be a talk by Ray Edwards on Unusual Ways with House Plants. The meetings in March and April will be 'Hedges, Palisades and Topiary' and 'Garden Stories' respectively.

Visitors are welcome to join our meetings so why not come along and try a sample of our programme.

If you would like further information, please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702).

### **Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.**

We are a small friendly group aiming to provide a programme of talks and visits for anyone interested in local history. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every two months (March, May, July, September and November in 2010) at the Upwood Village Hall at 7.45 pm. In addition, we have organised three visits during the year.

The next meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> will be a short AGM followed by a talk on 'Lost Highways' by Alysourn Hodges, a Senior Definitive Map Officer. The meeting in May will be a talk by Fiona Lucraft entitled 'Dining with the Georgians' and in June there will be a guided walk of historic Kimbolton.

Visitors are welcome to our meetings which are informal and friendly. If you would like to join the group then please come along to one of our meetings. If you require any further information, please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | "History of Clothes WEA course in Village Hall               |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February  | Fete Committee meeting in Village Hall                       |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February  | Meet and Munch in the Village Hall                           |
|                                    | Upwood Art Group starts again in Village Hall                |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February   | Upwood 55 PLUS meeting in Village Hall                       |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February | Valentine's Dance at Ramsey Community Centre                 |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February   | Garden Club meets in Ramsey Resource Centre                  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February   | Home to Home - Hopi Ear Candling                             |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March       | Cambridge Science Festival starts til 21 <sup>st</sup> March |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March    | Table Tennis Club Dinner Dance at Cross Keys                 |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March      | Garden Club meets in Ramsey Resource Centre                  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March   | History Group AGM + talk on "Lost Highways".                 |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March      | Coffee morning at 48 High Street for Upwood Church           |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March      | Learning to Spin with Carol Lovell                           |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April      | Garden Club meets in Ramsey Resource Centre                  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April      | Gardeners Question Time in Village hall                      |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May     | History Group "Dining with the Georgians"                    |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July     | Macmillan concert at Abbey College                           |

### **Upwood Business Association**

The self employed of the Parish enjoyed their Christmas lunch at "The Cross Keys" and thank Kevin and Jane for making this annual event so enjoyable

**RAF Upwood**

It is now common knowledge that Strawsons want to build hundreds of new houses on the site of the old accomodation blocks. Because HDC failed to determine the application, an inspector is holding an inquiry before making a decision. Quite apart from the numerous "tick-box" cons in the proposal, the main concern for us is the substantial increase of traffic through Upwood and The Raveleys and all the villages to the west. Two Parish councillors are attending the inquiry to state this case and hear all the other evidence. They will report to the full council when the inquiry is closed.