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Editorial

At last winter has faded into a late arriving Spring and so many things start happening. Apart from the annual spring clean around the home and the attention to the garden after the ravages of winter there are other important things to attend to. One will be the publication of the Inspector's report on the planning application by Strawsons to build hundreds of homes on the destroyed RAF Upwood site. This massive over-development is a serious threat to the nature of the area and has the potential to join Upwood and Fairmead to Bury and create a Greater Ramsey. The other concern is the impending election - the outcome of which should be of interest to all of us. With no political bias - it is patently obvious that we must make the right choice with our ballot papers to have a government that is capable and has the will to put things right. After all - we are going to have to pay for it !

Police news

You may have noticed a large number of police vehicles on our roads on Friday 12th March.

This was due to an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) day of action. More than 100 Cambridgeshire police were supported by colleagues from surrounding counties. There were also specialist officers involving searches, drug dogs and detectives. 34,000 vehicles were scanned and 3% of them were stopped. The results from the day show:-Ten were arrested for going equipped to commit a crime, being 'wanted', possession of an offensive weapon, excess alcohol, attempted theft of a motor vehicle, being disqualified, and a drug offence. 34 vehicles were seized, 18 for no insurance, 16 for other offences like no tax or unroadworthy vehicles.

It is good to know that such pro-active work brings such rewarding results and makes our roads a little safer.



Kitewatch- keep a lookout for the Red Kites which soar over the village at this time of the year. They are a magnificent bird of prey similar in size to a buzzard and easily identified by their distinctive forked tail .

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Cross Keys specials

Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday Lunch
Friday 23 rd April	St George's Dinner
Sunday 25 th April	Bingo Night
Friday 21 st May	Italian Night
Sunday 30 th May	Charity Quiz Night ?????

And don't forget that Thursdays are "Over 50s" lunches and later -Steak Nights

Cross Keys Golf Society

Please note that the Society's dates for 2010 are as follows:-

Friday 7th May - to be held at the Ramsey Golf Club

Friday 17th September to be held at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley

The entry sheet for the May outing will be posted in the Cross Keys this week with a closing deadline of Sunday 18th April. If you would like any further information please contact Malcolm Hudson on 711221

Upwood Village Hall Forthcoming Events
in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour - [act]

Thursday 13th May 7.45pm MSFits Theatre comedy/drama
"Women Behaving Madly"

A welcome return to MSFits Theatre Company who performed the hilarious "Fur Coat and Magic Knickers" to a sell-out audience here last year. Fiona Knowles brings her new one woman show to Upwood. Don't miss it!

This is likely to be a very popular event so book your tickets promptly to avoid disappointment.

Tickets £8.00 Concessions £7.50

Saturday 22nd May 5.00pm Ian Keable comedy/magic
"Nothing Up My Sleeve"

Laugh-out-loud comedy magic for the whole family.

"The quality and humour contained in his magic tricks alone, is enough to keep everybody captivated with the show throughout. Simply mind-boggling." **Islington Gazette**

Ian is a Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star, as well as a Member of Equity. In 2008 he was awarded the prestigious Carlton Comedy Award by The Magic Circle. He has won the British Magical Champion of Comedy and has been given a Variety Award for Best Magician.

Tickets: Adults £6.50 Children (under 16) £4.00

Box Office: 01487 814114

opens for both the above events at 6pm on Sunday 18th April

Arts in Cambs on Tour [act] brings professional touring performances to villages and towns throughout Cambridgeshire at a subsidised rate.

These events can only be staged at the village hall with the help of numerous volunteers who: man the box office, deliver flyers, run the bar, prepare the hall by erecting the stage and tiered seating (and dismantling afterwards), organise raffles, as well as offering overnight accommodation to visiting performers. If you would like to become involved in any way please contact Doug McLeod: 01487 814114.

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Ramsey and District Garden Club.

The Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Ramsey Rainbow Resource Centre. We have a range of talks and demonstrations together with visits to gardens of interest. The programme is designed to meet the needs of everyone interested in gardens or gardening.

The meeting in March was a talk on "Hedges, Palisades and Topiary". We saw photographs of examples from around the world. The April meeting will be "Garden Stories" by a well known local speaker, Mike Petty whilst in May we have a talk on Pruning fruit trees.

On 24th July we will hold our Annual Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum. This event is open for anyone to enter and the public is welcome to view the exhibits in the afternoon. It is not just flowers and vegetables but there are classes for cooking, preserves, needlecraft, art and photography. Entrance to view is free and there is ample parking.

A visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday 9th May is being planned. We would welcome non-members to join this trip.

We are a friendly group and visitors are welcome so why not come along and sample one of our meetings. For further information about the Club, the visit to the Botanical Gardens or a copy of the show schedule, please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702).

Ramsey Rural Museum.

When did you last visit your local museum? It is not just a few old tractors and ploughs although there are lots of those. There are replicas of Victorian era shops, a schoolroom and exhibits relating to the local area. Your visit can be completed by relaxing in the tearoom.

The Museum is will reopen with a Mammoth Book Sale from 3rd to 5th April and books and bric-a-brac will be available throughout the season. On 16th May there will be a day devoted to animals ("All Creatures Great and small) run in conjunction with the Cromwell Veterinary Practice. Bring your pet along and join in the fun dog show. The usual openings during the season will be on Thursdays from 10.00 am and Sunday afternoons.

The Museum is totally managed and run by volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome and any skills can be used. Much of the work is carried out on Thursday and, if you are interested in supporting this interesting local museum, why not come along and talk to those carrying out the various tasks.

For further information on visits, the events or becoming a volunteer contact Michael Latcham (01354 694241 m.r.latcham@btinternet.com). For a local contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702)

Advance Notice

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

Meet & Munch

Afternoon tea will be served to Meet and Munch members between 3.00 and 4.30 pm on the following dates: 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August and 4th September. We are a very friendly group, so if you are over 55 and a resident of the parish, why not come along and join us.

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

Free to a good home

A Universal electric sewing machine in a small work table, - it can be slid out of the way to leave a small work table. For more call Mrs Devine on 711355

Huntingdonshire Communities Festival

On Saturday 15th May from 12 noon until 6pm at Godmanchester Recreation Ground, there is a Communities Festival. There will be music from local bands, food from around the world, an outside bar, free dance workshops with Senzala Capoeira, Rug Cutters Lindyhop and Little D Promotions Street Dance. If that isn't enough, there will also be Dance and Theatre performances from local groups, films and art exhibitions and lots more.

The Recreation Ground is just behind the Chinese bridge.

Want to know more - call Karolina Bober on 01480 388262

Upwood Quilters

COACH TRIP TO SANDOWN SEWING EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE 2010

Leaving 8am from

THE CROSS KEYS UPWOOD

Leaving Sandown at 4pm

Seats are £21.00 each

Including entrance and drivers tip

Ramsey Arts Festival

The first event in this season's Ramsey Arts Festival is a gig by a local band, "The Brink" which takes place in Bury Village Hall on 29th May. Thereafter there will be several other events in July, which will be publicized in this newsletter.

FUN FRIENDSHIP AND FOOD 55+

It was good to be back "clubbing" in February, to see our friends again. Mr & Mrs Evans set up another of their wonderful slide shows depicting the countryside full of plants and wildlife in its full glory. So very relaxing! In March we had a visit from the Wood Green Animal Shelter in Godmanchester. Our speaker brought along Barney, a Lurcher, who was much stroked by us members. She explained that the shelters have been operating for 85 years and usually house 750 animals at any one time. She set up a "bingo quiz" while she gave her very interesting talk. She handed out knitting patterns in the hope that members would volunteer to make coats for dogs and small lambs. They are much needed. We had a coffee morning at the home of Chris Bruce to raise some funds on Thursday 25th March. Our next meeting is Tuesday 13th April at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We are having a keep fit session which is usually great fun. Contact Chris Bruce on 812327 for any more information.

HOME TO HOME

Monday 26th April - Gardeners' Question Time with local experts.

Monday 24th May - Great Fen Project Update by Chris Gerrard

Monday 28th June - "Alpacas" an evening with Patty McPherson

Monday 26th July - AGM and Barbecue at Townsend Farm

The gardeners Question Time features local gardening experts David Perkins, Robin McPherson and Jane Finney who will answer questions from members of the audience at this, the second GQT promoted by the group. Tickets are only £2 and there will be light refreshments as well as a chance to "talk" gardening after the questions. Don't miss it.

All meetings start in the Village Hall at 8 pm. (except the AGM)

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

Upwood St Peter Church Services

1st April Holy Communion 7.30pm Maundy Service followed by a night vigil

2nd April Good Friday : Walk of witness in Ramsey

4th April Holy Communion by extension 9.30am Easter Sunday

11th April Morning Prayer 9.30am

18th April Family Service 9.30am

25th April Holy Communion 9.30am Baptism Service

2nd May Morning Prayer 9.30am

9th May Holy Communion 9.30am

16th May Family Service 9.30am

23rd May Team Service 10am at Ramsey Thomas a Becket

30th May Holy Communion 9.30am

Upwood St Peter APCM 14th April 7.45pm in Upwood Village Hall

Upwood Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning of 19th March had to be cancelled but for anyone who would have bought the ticket, it'll be valid for the next coffee morning: Friday 16th April at either 8 or 48 High Street Upwood.

CRAFTY???

Please contact Fran Ashfield on 01487 711411 if you would like a stall at the Upwood & The Raveleys Fete on Saturday 19th June. There are a number of pitches still available and cost only £10. All arts, crafts, produce and games are welcome, so if you know of anyone who may be interested please give them the contact number. The Fete is well advertised and very well attended and this is the tenth one organised by the present committee!!!

Cross Keys Special Events

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Friday 23rd April **St. George's Dinner**

Sunday 25th April **Bingo Night**

Friday 21st May **Italian Night**

Sunday 30th May **Charity Quiz Night (?)**

And - over 50s lunches - and steak nights. Book by ringing 813384

Upwood & The Raveleys Village Website Information

The "Local Links" section of the villages' website is going 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 :-Name of business/ service

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

Contact phone number / email Website address (where appropriate)

HELP

The Upwood & The Raveleys Fete Committee need helpers before and after this year's fete on 19th June. If you could lend a hand putting up and taking down the marquees please contact the fete committee and leave your name and telephone number and a member will contact you with details.

Call 01487 711411 and ask for Frances.

Upwood Art Group

UAG will be holding an Open Day on 3rd April. There'll be a small display of work and visitors can chat to members and enjoy a "freebie" cuppa. It's a very informal day and everyone is welcome to try any of the materials available and to watch the group at work. Who knows, you might be tempted to come along one Saturday at 10 am and "have a go".....

Throughout the year there will be a variety of activities and outings. A new venture in May is a week's painting holiday in North Norfolk. On 7th/8th August UAG co-hosts the Ramsey open Art Show, our fourth year, and there will be an outing to the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy towards the end of August. Venues for outdoor sessions are arranged during the fine weather (if we have any!!) and transport is shared where needed. Another new event is an Art Show in the Village Hall on 27th/28th November when there will be a wide range of members work to see. UAG is a very friendly group of people who enjoy their art but aren't a bit "arty". We meet every Saturday at 10am in the Village Hall. One to one tuition is available and visitors and new members are always welcome, open day or not. There is always a wide range of materials to try (no charge) so it isn't necessary to own a pencil or brush, just a desire to have a go at painting or drawing is enough. Can't draw a straight line? We have rulers! Want to know more, call Frances on 711411.

Table Tennis Club

The club held its first dinner/dance at the Cross Keys on Saturday 13th March exactly three years from the date it started with just six members. Thirty six members and guests attended and danced the night away to the "Flashback" disco. Following dinner the Chairman gave a short speech outlining a brief history of the club and major events of the year. He concluded that the club was highly successful due to the support of the membership and the efforts made by the committee in running the various activities. The club was really much more than just a Table tennis Club. The annual doubles tournament will be run in late March with 11 pairs fighting it out for the coveted "German" Trophy. Anyone wishing to know more about the Club contact David Williams on 812923



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Upwood and Raveleys History Group.

The History Group meets every two months on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm in the Upwood Village Hall. In addition, visits to local places of interest are arranged.

The meeting in March was the Annual General Meeting of the Group followed by a talk by Alysoun Hodges on "Lost Highways". Alysoun is a Senior Definitive Map Officer with the Cambridgeshire Council and we were told about the extent of footpaths and bridleways in the county (2500Km) and the ways that these are maintained. Also we learned how the footpaths are recorded so that they are not lost. Many historical documents are consulted to establish the presence and routes of footpaths so that the definitive map can be established.

The next meeting will be on 19th May when there will be a talk on "Dining with the Georgians" given by Fiona Lucraft.

In addition to our meeting we have planned two guided tours of the historic parts of Kimbolton and Peterborough.

There are a number of copies of a book entitled "Village Memories" available at a cost of £3. This was compiled by members of the group based on memories of the twentieth century from older members of the community. The group welcomes new members and visitors. For further information contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3 rd April	3 day mammoth book sale at Ramsey Rural Museum Upwood Art Group Open Day in Village Hall
Tuesday 13 th April	55+ keep fit session in Village Hall
Wednesday 14 th April	St Peters Church APCM in Village Hall. New WEA course starts in Village Hall
Monday 19 th April	Garden Club meets in Ramsey Resource Centre
Monday 26 th April	Gardeners Question Time in Village hall New classes start at Abbey College
Saturday 1 st May	Meet and Munch Tea in Village Hall
Friday 7 th May	Golf society meet at Ramsey Golf Club
Thursday 13 th May	“Women Behaving Badly” at Village Hall
Saturday 15 th May	Huntingdonshire Communities Festival at Godmanchester
Sunday 16 th May	“All Creatures Great and Small” at Ramsey Rural Museum
Monday 17 th May	Garden Club meets at Rainbow Resource Centre
Wednesday 19 th May	History Group “Dining with the Georgians” “Nothing Up My Sleeve” at Village Hall
Saturday 22 nd May	Home to Home “Great Fen Project” update
Monday 24 th May	Ramsey Arts Festival gig at Bury Village Hall
Saturday 29 th May	Meet and Munch Tea in Village Hall
Saturday 5 th June	Upwood & The Raveleys Village Fete
Saturday 19 th June	Upwood Quilters visit Sandown Sewing Exhibition
Sunday 20 th June	Home to Home “Alpacas” talk.
Monday 28 th June	Meet and Munch Tea in Village Hall
Saturday 3 rd July	Macmillan concert at Abbey College
Saturday 17 th July	Garden Club Annual Show at Ramsey Rural Museum
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“Hark, Hark, The Dogs Do Bark”

A new seven week course covering the life of the labouring poor of England and Wales - a mixture of social and local history with the emphasis on how the labouring family 'got by' from the Black Death in the 14th century to 1834. There is also a trip to a workhouse site. These interesting courses are run by the WEA and this one starts on Wednesday 14th April. The whole course costs £39 with concessions for unwaged folk and dependents. It's in the Village Hall from 10 am to noon Contact Liz Carter for more information.

Summer is approaching - why not try an evening class at Abbey College from 26th April:

**Ballroom Dancing * Salsa * Pilates * Pottery * Furniture Restoration *
Meditation * Healthy Cookery ***

**Family Cookery * Indian Cookery * Baby Massage * Spanish * Sign Language
Introduction**

**Computing Made Easy * Computing Improvers * Stained Glass * DIY * Digital
Photography for Beginners**

**Family History * Practical Gardening * Introduction to Archaeology on the
British Isles**

Yoga on a Monday morning at Ramsey Community Centre

Free classes: ESOL and Numeracy Level 1

**Saturday workshops are also arranged on the 15th May and 10th July:
Stained Glass, Archaeology, Indian Nibbles, Furniture
Restoration, Healthy Cookery, Funky Art, Paper Sculpture,
Krazy Costumes, Family History, Gardening, Meditation,
Ballroom Dancing, Salsa, Microsoft Word & Microsoft Excel
2003**

For more information or to enrol, contact the Adult

Community Learning office

on 01487 811338 / 811313 or email:

acl@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

Enrolment forms can be downloaded via our website:

www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/commed

There is also a link to ParentPay, where you can make on-line payments

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 10am – 2pm (term time)

Payments are not cashed until the course is confirmed

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