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

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Editorial

In January several Parish Councillors went to the public inquiry about Strawsons application to build more than 650 houses on the built area of RAF Upwood. This would have more than doubled the number of homes in the parish and the Council not only objected to it, but personally put forward their own views. In the middle of August the Inspector, Mr PE Dobsen MA(Oxon) DipTP released his report. In August the outcome was made public - planning permission was refused.

This cannot, and will not, be the end of this matter. Strawsons have a multi-million pound investment here for which they have to find a use that will give them a return on their capital. Without houses or light industry - what options are left?

Someone once said "If you are not part of the answer you must be part of the problem". Got any ideas?

Parish Council - vacancy

There is a vacancy for two new members of the Upwood & The Raveleys Parish Council. The Clerk would welcome applications from residents and would especially like to receive interest from residents of Fairmead and Farm Close.

The Clerk can be contacted on 711129 or write to her at 14 Malthouse Lane, Ramsey, PE26 1SQ

Apology

In the August newsletter I gave the impression that Bury Parish Council had done nothing about objecting to the proposal for gypsy and travellers sites in Upwood. This was not correct. Whilst Bury PC did not promote the writing of letters to HDC by parishioners the Parish Council did write one of its own voicing its objections on behalf of the parish. I stand corrected.

James "Jim" Rignall

Pauline would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their continued support and kindness during her husband Jim's long stay in hospital and following his death on the 4th July. Many thanks also for attending Jim's funeral and the generous donations received in aid of Guide Dogs for The Blind.

Appreciation

Donna, Brian, Stephen and David Holder, who moved into Meadow Road recently, wish to thank everyone who made them feel so welcome into the

village. They say it is so refreshing to see that there are still villages that have such a strong community spirit and they look forward to attending (and offering their help) at future village events.

Toddlers Group

Earlier this year the Toddlers Group, where mums and toddlers could meet other mums with toddlers and relax and chat over a cup of tea and biscuits sadly stopped meeting.

There seems to be quite a few mums with toddlers around the village at the moment who could benefit from a new Group. All the toys and equipment from the previous Group is still stored in the Village Hall ready and waiting for anyone willing to start it up again.

If you are interested in starting up a new Toddlers Group please call Bob Child on 815475 or email UVHBooking@upwood.org

Upwood Pantomime Society
presents

TREASURE ISLAND - THE PANTO

Wed 26th, Thurs 27th, Fri 28th January at 7.30pm
Sat 29th January at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

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

Ramsey Foundation Squash Courts

There are squash courts on the north side of Abbey College which are open to the public after school and at weekends. If you are interested in playing either Squash or Racquet Ball or if your child would like to join a club please telephone Sharon Radford on 01487 812352 or e-mail sharon.radford@theramseyfoundation.org.uk The courts are run by the Ramsey Foundation which is a charitable trust whose main purpose is to advance the education of young people.

Upwood Village Hall
in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour
presents

Coup De Grass

Thursday 18th November at 7.45pm

KEITH PEARSON'S COUP DE GRASS is an exciting mix of all that is great in bluegrass and folk. Their music, which ranges from fast, dazzling banjo, guitar and harmonica solos to ballads of exceptional beauty is just a part of what makes them one of the most popular and sought after acts currently playing the clubs and concert stages. The live show, presented with good humour, expertise and intelligence, features: - virtuoso instrumental performances, exquisite vocal harmonies, superb original song-writing, and a great deal of eccentric humour; in other words - entertainment for discerning audiences, especially those who like real musicians, playing real musical instruments.

Box Office - open now - 01487 814114
Tickets £8.50 Concessions £7.50
Licensed Bar

PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers

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The Clerk to the Council is Jane Haggard, Tel: 711129





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EVERY WEEK DAY TERM TIME
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A rich early learning environment with a positive Ofsted report
PLEASE CALL ANGIE DEAN on 01487 813 510
or EMAIL upwoodsmalltotal@btinternet.com

Cross Keys specials

Friday 22nd October Winter Warmer Evening (incl. steak & kidney pud)
Friday 19th November French Night

All our special evenings are £12.50 for two courses & coffee. All dishes are home made and wonderful. Kevin cooks mains and Jane cooks desserts. So come along for an evening of great flavour.

What shall we do with the village's K6 type telephone box?

The Parish Council has been offered the opportunity to take over the red BT telephone kiosk opposite St Peters Church for £1 - yes One Pound, But- BT are prepared to undertake minor fabric repair work ie replacing broken door straps or a few missing glass/polycarbonate panes but regrettably little more. More extensive work would have to be undertaken by parish volunteers or a specialist company specialising in K6 refurbishment if required. If the Parish agree to adopt for £1, BT will endeavour to get any minor fabric faults repaired if we provide a list of which items requires attention. No major work or painting can be undertaken. The Parish Council would welcome your comments, as any costs would be borne by us all via council tax. If we don't adopt the kiosk then it will be removed. **Can I have your comments?** Telephone or e-mail the Editor with your thoughts. (back page has contact details)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a Christmas Fayre at The Manor House (BUPA Home) On Saturday 20th November from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. For more information call Lesley on 814333

Upwood & The Raveleys Fete

If you would like a stall next year, or know somebody who might, or have an idea for a game, stall or entertainment for 2011 please call Francis on 711411 and give us details. Thank you.

If you would like more information please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702, ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

FUN FRIENDSHIP AND FOOD 55+

We are always hoping to welcome new members so please try to join us for a very interesting afternoon starting at 2.30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month except January. Contact Chris Bruce on 812327 for any more information.

Upwood Art Group

UAG is back in the Village Hall on a regular basis now that it's getting colder. The holiday in Norfolk was really enjoyable, so much so that we're already planning next year's. We had a great day at the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy and several outings to other venues to paint, including Wimpole Hall, and our annual trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum and lunch in Brown's. We gained several new members during the summer but more are always very welcome. Newcomers are free to try the materials available so if

you've never painted or drawn and don't own the necessary equipment, but would love to try, don't worry, come and try ours, there's no charge! And we'll give all the help needed and a cup of tea!!

On the 9th October there will be a professional model sitting for us. On the 27th/28th November the group will hold an exhibition and sale of art works in the Hall from 11am to 4pm each day. There will be a wide variety of pictures, and handmade cards, and the Upwood Quilters will show some of their beautiful handiwork. Entry is £1 to include refreshments, children are free. Christmas lunch at the Cross Keys is our final event in the year. UAG is a very friendly "un-arty" group who make newcomers welcome, offer lots of encouragement and really enjoy working together. Come along and meet us, I'm sure you'll enjoy the experience and maybe even be tempted to become a member

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE COMMITTEE GRANTS FOR 2010

Upwood St. Peter's PCC	£350.00
Preserving Upwood Community Action Group	£329.00
Upwood and the Raveleys Newsletter	£150.00
Upwood CP School PTA	£100.00
Scouts	£50.00
Upwood Archive Group	£25.00
Ramsey Rural Museum	£25.00
Meet and Munch	£20.00

Upwood Art Group

UAG would love to have more members, male, female, young or old. No experience necessary, Materials provided. Refreshments included. . Subs paid weekly or twice a year. 01487 711411 for more information

Don't Forget the WEA Course

The WEA offers first class courses with a very wide range of topics, open to everyone with concessions available -it's NOT a club, there is no joining fee- just

come along and enjoy stretching your mind, exercising your imagination and meeting people. New courses - dates for your diary:- all in the Village Hall -

Spring Term- "**Curios and Collectables**" with Peter Edwards

10 to noon starting 2nd February 2011 £48 for 8 weeks.

Summer term- "**Two World Wars**" with Stephen Corley, Starts

Wednesday 27th April, 8pm to 10pm £38 for 6 weeks.

For more information contact the Secretary - Liz Carter on 813008 or e-mail her at liz@backtracks.biz.

Free to a collector.....

One small elderly Duncan kiln in good working order. Assorted accessories included. Easy to move. Just call Frances on 711411



Would you be interested in joining an allotment group? The main aim would be to swap surplus plants, consider bulk buying of seeds, exchange news and growing tips plus joining the National Society for Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NASLG) and provide a contact point with the local Parish Council.

If you are interested in joining - contact

LIZ CARTER or

ALISON MILES

liz@backtracks.biz

amiles@gotadsl.co.uk

(01487) 813008

07824682872

CAR BOOT SALE

There will be a car boot sale at The Manor House (BUPA Home) on Saturday 16th October from 10am til 2 pm. If you would like a pitch for £6 - call Lesley on 814333

HOME TO HOME

The meeting on 27th September saw the start of the Club's 30th year, so a special one for members and old friends. The committee has endeavoured to find interesting events for our Monday evenings, including speakers and activities. Examples include a demonstration and talk about making glass beads, hands on screen printing, bee keeping and gardening. There are lots more, including an outing in the summer, a Christmas party a BBQ and an AGM. New members are always welcome, and visitors too. Several events are "open" to all comers and non members at those events pay £2 which includes light refreshments. There is no entry charge for past members who pay a visit. Who knows, you may be tempted to join again!

The next meeting is Monday 25th October and features Caren Fountain giving a talk

and a demonstration on "Making Glass Beads" - starts at 8pm in the Village Hall/

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 2010/11, the entrance fee is £2.00, which includes refreshments.

More info from Josie Gaunt on 710702

Table Tennis Club

Not a lot to report other than we now have a second new blue table and a growing waiting list. However those waiting are invited to come on the guest night which is the first Tuesday of the month plus the singles night which is the second Monday of the month.

Further details contact David Williams 01487 812923

Repairs to the Church

As you know, we are going to have some repairs done above our main entrance door, on the north wall and will have to use the south door for few weeks. The work should start in October or early November. We will put up a sign to guide your entrance.

Lent Soup recipe book

We will be launching our recipe book at the Food Fayre on the 21st November. So if you want to know about those very interesting soups, find us at the church stall on that day. A lot of ladies from Upwood have been involved in donating recipes for us to gather up enough to create a book.

Upwood Quilters

Upwood Quilters meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall from 1.30 to 4.00 pm. Want to know more? Call Deana Hudson on 711221



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

The Dragonflies of Cambridgeshire

The October meeting will be on Wednesday 13th October 2010 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton. Our fascinating topic will be those beautiful winged inhabitants of wetlands – Dragonflies.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

Upwood St Peter Church Services

3rd Oct.	Morning Prayer 9.30am
10th Oct.	Holy Communion 9.30am
17th Oct.	Morning Prayer 9.30am
24th Oct.	Holy Communion with Baptism 9.30am
31st Oct.	Team Service in the Benefice 10am @ Ramsey St Mary
7th Nov.	Morning Prayer 9.30am

14th Nov. Holy Communion 9.30am Remembrance Sunday in Upwood
21st Nov. Morning Prayer 9.30am
28th Nov. Holy Communion 9.30am

Meet & Munch

After enjoying a nice summery season with afternoon tea, we will be reverting to wintery time.

So, lunches will be served to Meet & Munch members between 1.00 and 2.00 pm on the following dates:

2nd October, 6th November, 4th December with a Christmas meal, 5th February and 5th March. Note that there is no meeting in January.

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.

Creating Christmas decorations evening

How to make your own Christmas wreath or decoration! Well this is one of Jean Place special gift and she will take us to a world of wonder for a very special night.

There will be a raffle and refreshment. Please, come to that evening on: Wednesday 24th November in Upwood Village Hall @ 7.45pm Entrance £3 ticket in aid of church funds. Contact: Jean Place 813742 or Anne-Marie 812195

(annemarie.upwood@virgin.net)

Christmas Tree Festival

We are having a Christmas Trees festival in church on Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th December.

This year, we are adding Christmas wreaths into the festival and would like to invite you to exhibit your own Christmas tree or wreath, weather you are an adult or a child, decorating it the way you feel.

It could be anything from a sweet wrapper tree to a Victorian one!

Like last year there is a 6 foot height limit and artificial trees can be used. You can be as imaginative as you wish and name your tree/wreath & your group name signed below.

I hope you can participate to this challenge anticipating a great week-end and let us know if you are decorating a tree or a wreath or both.

Could you let us know as soon as you can if you are interested?

I will need to plan my mapping very soon.

Thank you and have fun creating.

Please, contact us if you need anymore details.

Anne-Marie 01487 812195 annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

The Village Information Board

Many residents noticed the new information board almost opposite St Peter's Church detailing for visitors the way to Lady's Wood. The eagle eyed amongst you also noted with chagrin that the village had been merged into Ramsey - no mention of

“Upwood”.

This error was pointed out to the appropriate people, and we have received the following letter:

I was very sorry to learn that the wording on the Upwood Ramble information board (recently installed opposite the church) has caused some concern. I, and the committee of the Ramsey Initiative, would like to apologise sincerely to the council and residents of the village for any offence caused.

It was an oversight on my part when the designer simply took the text from the Healthy Walks leaflet on which this board is based (the leaflet being one of a suite of Healthy Walks leaflets with wording that had been agreed many years ago), not to realise that it would be inappropriate in this context.

We will amend the board as soon as possible to read, “Welcome to Upwood” and we trust this will put the matter right. Our intention was always to celebrate the beautiful village of Upwood and we apologise for any distress caused.

Sincerely

Vera Woolmer

Manager Ramsey Initiative

The Archive Group

The Archive Group is attempting to record the history and the present state of the villages on the CCAN website. This site is freely available to view the content.

If you have any family or village photographs or documents that you would be prepared to publish on the website please let us have them. We would like to update the content so we would welcome any recent or current material.

The members of this group meet in the Cross Keys on the third Wednesday of the months when there is not a History Group meeting. At the moment only a small group of people are involved but we would welcome more participants.

If you would like further information please contact Ian Gaunt (see above) or Judith Harvey (01487 710219, Judith Harvey [ccanupwood@yahoo.com]).

Ramsey and District Garden Club

We had a very successful Show in July with an increased number of entries and entrants, all despite the very dry weather that threatened to ruin the gardens. This show is held at the Ramey Rural Museum which is a delightful venue and helps to make a good afternoon for the visitors. The cups and trophies were presented by Lady De Ramsey and this was followed by an auction of much of the produce that had been displayed in the various classes of the show. Our meeting in September (20th) was a talk by Geoff Hodge entitled “Colour all year round”. The next meeting will be our AGM on October 18th. This will be followed by a quiz which, based on experience of previous years, will be very entertaining.

We are a friendly group and we try to provide a programme, including visits to

gardens, which is suitable for everyone interested in gardens, gardening or plants. The meetings are held at the Rainbow Resource Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of each month. We are pleased to welcome new members. If you think that you would like to join the Club, why not come along to a meeting as a visitor (at a cost of £2). For further information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702). (ian.gaunt@care4free.net)

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group

The History Group meets in the Upwood Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every second month. The meetings start at 7.45. In addition to these meetings we arrange visits to places of interest.

One such visit was on 2nd September when Brian Jones led a stroll around Medieval Peterborough. This showed us buildings that we might otherwise have missed and certainly would not have understood their significance. This was followed by a talk on 15th September by Brian on "Medieval Peterborough". This talk added detail to what we had seen on the walk. It is amazing how much there is in our environment that we do not see.

In November (17th) the meeting will be replaced by a visit to the Archive Facilities at the Huntingdon Library and Archive. This relatively new state of the art facility is well worth a visit. For information please contact Ian Gaunt

710702), (ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD FAIR NOVEMBER 21st

This is a new venture for the villages and will be held in the Village Hall. It will include commercial producers as well as fund-raising stalls. You will be able to buy a wide range of local produce including chocolates, honey, apple juice, cakes and all kinds of preserves.

YOU CAN HELP by donating items suitable for a **FOOD TOMBOLA** and **FOOD RAFFLE**

(cans, bottles, jars and packets). Also please clear out those kitchen drawers of all the 'I don't know why I bought that' items and unwanted cookery and gardening books for our kitchen bric-a-brac table. Please bring your contributions to 77 High Street before November 14th or contact Josie Gaunt (710702,

ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

There will also be a stall for village garden/ allotment produce. **BRING TO THE HALL ON THE DAY**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1 st October	"Classical Connections" at Ramsey Community Centre
Saturday 2 nd October	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall
Monday 4 th October	Parish Council meets in the Village hall
Saturday 16 th October	Car Boot Sale at The Manor House
Saturday 16 th October	The Village Quiz Night in the Village Hall 7pm
Monday 18 th October	Garden Club AGM and quiz in Rainbow Resource Centre
Friday 22 nd October	Winter Warmer evening at the Cross Keys

Monday 25 th October	Home to Home in the Village Hall at 8 pm
Saturday 6 th November	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall
Wednesday 17 th November	History Group visits Huntingdon Archive
Thursday 18 th November	"Coup de Grass" in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm
Friday 19 th November	French Night at the Cross Keys
Saturday 20 th November	Christmas Fayre at The manor House
Sunday 21 st November	Food Fair in the Village Hall
Wednesday 24 th November	Christmas Decoration making in the Village Hall
Saturday 27 th November	Upwood Art Group show in Upwood Village Hall
Sunday 28 th November	Upwood Art Group show in Upwood Village Hall
Saturday 4 th December	Meet and Munch Christmas meal in Village Hall
Saturday 11 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church
Sunday 12 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church

