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Editorial

One has to wonder where we are going in this crazy world. People in a village work hard to organise and set up a Food Fair, and to publicize it put notices on the verges of approach roads to the village. Some Council jobs worth takes them away - because the organisers haven't sought permission.

An American education establishment wants to hold its graduation ceremony in a local cathedral - as it has done for years past. Except that this year, for fear of causing offence, it wants the huge gilt cross suspended over the choir removed. This is from the country that owes its existence to the Pilgrim Fathers.

There are even local authorities that have allegedly banned the usual salutation in favour of "Seasons Greetings" or some other banal phrase.

We on the newsletter team have no truck with all this - so we wish you all.....

A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

A warning

Criminals are getting ever more clever at internet fraud which can have serious consequences for your finances. No credit company, bank, building society, government body or investment company will ever contact you and ask for your personal or account or credit card details. Even a request that looks genuine from HM Revenue and Customs telling you that you have a refund due to you is fake. Ignore them all. If you want to be really public spirited then telephone the alleged contact using a number that you know is genuine and tell them so that they can take action. The only time you give your security numbers is when you are buying something over the phone or internet. You have been warned.

The Upwood Quiz

The Quiz team would like to thank all those who supported our quiz in aid of St. Peter's Church on Saturday 16th October. Twenty one teams took part

which stretched the organisation to its limits. We are grateful for everyone's generosity in donating raffle prizes, spending lavishly on raffle tickets and at the bar. Also for some cash donations which rounded up the sum raised for St. Peter's to a magnificent One Thousand Pounds!!! Everyone had a great time and we are now planning another quiz for next Spring. We expect the restricted number of tickets to be snapped up so watch this space.

Thanks

Once a year we thank Robert Brown for his unpaid work keeping the Fairmead area attractive. Apart from cutting the grass he also puts flower displays in tubs and made an excellent show of annuals at the entrance to the airfield for the 1940s week end. Thank you Robert.

Ramsey Foundation Squash Courts

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

PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers

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Christmas Carollers

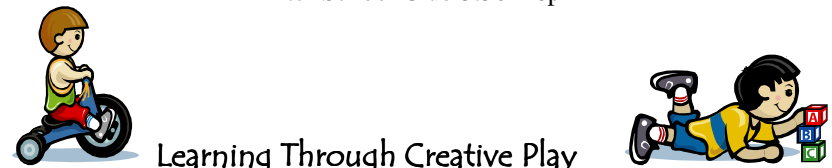
On Tuesday 14th December a group of villagers will be singing Christmas Carols around Upwood. This year they will be raising money for mens cancer services (having raised £2000 over the past 7 years for cancer care. They will stop at intervals and knock on doors so that they can sing a carol and collect any donations. The money raised will go directly to men's cancer care treatment in this area. If anyone would like to join them, (they are a very happy band) please ring Mags Dudley on 812424 because they need singers and collectors. Thank you for your support.



Investigating and Exploring

Upwood Small to Tall

EVERY WEEK DAY TERM TIME
 Breakfast Club 8 – 9am
 Pre-School 8.30 – 11.30am (funded children)
 9 – 11.30am (non-funded children)
 After School Club 3.30 – 6pm



Learning Through Creative Play

A rich early learning environment with a positive Ofsted report
PLEASE CALL ANGIE DEAN on
 01487 813 510 or EMAIL upwoodsmalltall@btinternet.com

The September house to house collection for Action for Children

This year Upwood village raised £218.06
 Thank you to those who contributed and those who made the collections.
 Josie Gaunt

Would you be interested in joining an allotment group? The main aim would be to swop 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

55+

A wonderful day was had by all on our August coach trip. We made a stop at the Downtown shopping centre and after lunch there some of us indulged in retail therapy! We continued on our journey to Harlaxton Manor which was a most interesting place to visit. Its main use now is to house and teach American students for two terms a year. For the September meeting the committee provided a Harvest Lunch for the members which was followed by entertainment by Doug McLeod who provided a lot of fun and laughter as usual! We were then informed at our October meeting of the "Roots Project" by Gordon Phillips and Nicky Stockman. It is funded by the Cambs County Council and the heritage Lottery Fund and they teach children at local schools about traditions that seem to have died out over the years. They were

talking of “Molly Dancing” and Plough Monday (the first Monday after Epiphany). They now have about a hundred children taking part in this in Ramsey and Whittlesey along with the Straw Bear. He was helped in his talk by two of our members who remembered this taking place and they gave him as much information as they could. There was more laughter and fun in November when the Ramsey WI Drama Group paid their annual visit. They did it in memory of Felicity Littleddyke, the founder member, who sadly died this year. We are having our Christmas lunch in December at the “Cross Keys” and look forward to Jane and Kevin’s wonderful hospitality. If you wish to become a member of our club please contact our Chairman Chris Bruce on 812327.

Appreciation

We all benefit from the dedication of the twelve people who distribute this newsletter throughout the Parish six times a year no matter what else they have to do, nor what the weather is like. Thank you all very much.

Cross Keys specials

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.

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).

Ramsey Choral Society Christmas Concert

The Society’s Christmas Concert is on Saturday 4th December at St.Thomas a’Becket Church at 7.15 p.m. We are joined by pupils of Upwood Primary School and Ramsey Juniors. Tickets are £8 (£6 for concessions) with children under 16 accompanied, free. Tickets by ringing 813562 or from School Plus shop in the Great Whyte. Ramsey.



School Governor Vacancies

Upwood Primary School is looking for two new Community Governors. Both posts will run from November 2010 for four years.

The Governing Body, collectively, is responsible for the strategic direction and

effective management of the school. This includes establishing, with the Head Teacher, the aims and policies of the school, ensuring the National Curriculum is provided, the setting and control of the school budget, the appointment of staff.

The Governors of Upwood Primary School are a diverse group of local people who share a commitment to the education and welfare of the children in our care and the continued development of the school for the benefit of future generations. Every aspect of the life and conduct of our school is overseen by the Governing Body.

Our Governing Body comprises Staff governors, Parent governors, Local Authority governors and Community governors. Much of their work is carried out through meetings, committees and working groups. Our Governors do spend time in school, meeting and working with the staff and pupils and also contribute to the success of school visits and residential trips throughout the school year.

Being a Governor does take time, energy and commitment. However it is very enriching to be part of this lively and successful team and to play an instrumental role in fostering good relationships between the school, parents and the wider community.

To apply please submit a statement, of no more than 250 words, describing the skills, knowledge, understanding and experiences you can bring to the role. Applications should have been with the school office by Friday 8th November 2010.

If you would like to know more about the role of school governor please contact either our Head Teacher Mrs Sharon Whitelaw or Mr Toran Whybrow our Chair of Governors:

Upwood Primary School, Ramsey Road, Upwood, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE26 2QA

Tel: [01487] 813510 Fax: [01487] 812019

e-mail: office@upwood.cambs.sch.uk website: www.upwood.cambs.sch.uk

Late News Flash: The Food Fair produced a profit of £675.05 on the day.

This is an excellent result for a new venture in the Village. Well done

The Cross Keys, Upwood

Christmas Menu

Homemade Soup of the Day served with French bread & butter

Homemade Chicken Liver Pate served with white & granary toast

A Seafood Platter of Prawns, Crayfish, Smoked Salmon & Smoked Mackerel served with marie-rose sauce & granary bread & butter

Deep fried Breaded Mushrooms served with garlic mayonnaise

Tiger Prawns wrapped in Filo Pastry served with a sweet chilli dip

Devilled Whitebait sprinkled with paprika & served with homemade tartare sauce

★★★★★

Traditional Roast Norfolk Turkey

served with all the trimmings

A Trio of Lamb Chops

slow roasted to your liking & served with a port,

rosemary & redcurrant gravy
Roast Beef Chasseur succulent beef served with a rich red wine, mushroom & herb gravy
Fillets of Lemon Sole
rolled & stuffed with prawns & mushrooms, oven baked with a hint of Cajun spices & white wine
Mushroom & Stilton Stroganoff
Poached fillet of Salmon with a crayfish & saffron cream sauce
all served with a selection of seasonal vegetables

★★★★★

Christmas Pudding or a Choice of Dessert or Cheese & Biscuits
Coffee & Mints

PRICE £14.95 for two courses or £19.95 for three courses
Booking is essential - there will be a £5.00 non-returnable

deposit payable when making a booking

Please contact us on 01487 813384 if you have any queries

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

One aspect is helping to reduce crime and the fear of crime by working in close harmony with your local Police Officers.

We can also work with other agencies in helping to stop anti-social behaviour, something which for some people can be a nightmare. If we work together and not alone this can be reduced or even eliminated.

Graffiti, litter and fly tipping, can spoil our community, but again we can work together to eradicate these problems.

So as you can see Neighbourhood Watch is not "Peeping Toms" a saying I have heard many times. We are interested in making the community and our neighbourhood a better place to live and work.

If you want to know more ring me, I will be happy to visit you and answer any questions and hopefully set up a scheme in your road or area

Working as a team makes sense.

Ring me Angie Walters on 01480 300726 or send me an e-mail angiew1@ntlworld.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Upwood Art Group

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, or contact Frances on 711411

Upwood St Peter Church Services

5th Dec. Morning Prayer 9.30am
 12th Dec. Tree Service with Archdeacon Mc Curdy 6.30pm -no Service in the morning-
 19th Dec. Morning Prayer 9.30am + Carol Service 6.30pm
 24th Dec. Christmas Eve midnight Service 11.30pm
 25th Dec. Christmas Day 9.30am (1/2 hour Service)
 26th Dec. no Service in Upwood - Joint Service in Ramsey Thomas a Becket 10am
 A card of events will be displayed on the parish noticeboard and in the pub.
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from St Peter church!
 2nd Jan. Morning Prayer 9.30am
 9th Jan. Holy communion 9.30am
 16th Jan. Morning Prayer 9.30am
 23rd Jan. Holy communion 9.30am
 30th Jan. no Service in Upwood - Joint Service in Ramsey Thomas a Becket 10am

WEA



Learning for Life WEA UPWOOD BRANCH – SPRING TERM 2011

CURIOS & COLLECTABLES

TUTOR – Peter Edwards

Everything you ever wanted to know about collecting and identifying furniture, china, glass & silver from the 18th to early 20th century. This course will look at how the items were made, when they were made and how to identify and value them. Plenty of examples will be used and students are invited to bring in their own collectables and curios.

An 8-week course on Wednesday mornings, 2 hours from 10 am to 12 noon, starting 2nd February (after the Panto!) in Upwood Village Hall.

Course fee £48 – free places available for certain concessions – do ask for details.

For more information or to book a place in this very popular class, contact the branch

secretary – Liz Carter on 01487 813008 or email Liz@backtracks.biz

Workers' Educational Association: Upwood Branch

Branch Secretary : Liz Carter

Address : 11 Church Lane, UPWOOD, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 2QF

Telephone : 01487 813008 Email : wea@backtracks.biz www.wea.org.uk/eastern

The Workers' Educational Association, Registered Office, 3rd Floor, 70 Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HB, is a charity registered in England and Wales (number 1112775)

A time not to miss! Saturday 11th December 2-4pm in St Peter's Church
Handbell playing on Saturday Homemade cakes, jam & preserves Stall
Refreshments Non alcoholic mulled wine & minced pies
And much more...

Free entrance but donations to Church Fund. Do come and enjoy the fun!

Please, contact us if you need anymore details and it's not too late to create your own tree and take part. Anne-Marie on 812195 OR annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

COURSES IN RAMSEY

Abbey College run classes to help you achieve all this and more.....

We will be running the following classes in Ramsey from January 2011:

Ballroom Dancing * Salsa * Yoga * Meditation

Pottery * Stained Glass * Family History

Furniture Restoration/Woodcraft * DIY for Beginners

Healthy Cookery * Chinese for Beginners * ESOL (come & speak English)

Computing Made Easy * Computing Improvers * First Aid

Taking Control of your Digital Camera

Starting in February we also offer FREE Skills for Life Courses in the following subjects:

ICT Level 2 * Numeracy Level 2

New courses are planned

check our website or contact the office for further information

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:

http://abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk/adult_community_learning.htm

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 unless you pay by ParentPay

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:

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.

Lent Soup recipe book

After launching our recipe book at the Food Fair we decided to put it on our stall at the Christmas tree Festival. So, it's not too late if you didn't manage getting your book at the time.

Please, contact us if you need anymore details. Anne-Marie 01487 812195 or

annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

HOME TO HOME

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!

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

St Peter Christmas Trees Festival

Saturday 11th December from 2-4pm & Sunday 12th December from 10am with a Service at 6.30pm with Archdeacon Mc Curdy at St Peter's Church, Upwood

Come and see a great variety of wonderfully decorated trees created by the whole of our community.

Archives graveyard plans:

An updated guide has been created for all to see and displayed on the wooden chest near the Church Vestry. We send our grateful thanks to Judith Harvey and the archives group.

Church repairs

This is to let you know that, at last, the work has begun and soon the north gate will stand grand once more. We will probably need to enter the Church by the South Door which is dealt with for that purpose.

We all feel blessed to have this essential repair taking place after so many years of investigations.

Christmas Benefice Services card

There will be some cards displayed in Church, in the Parish Notice Board and in the pub

mentioning the Christmas Carol and Midnight Service.

Upwood Table Tennis Club

The club have a new men's singles champion in Tony Evans and the same ladies champion in Brenda Manning. The tournaments went very smoothly with 8 ladies and 17 men contesting for the separate titles. Both winners now have their names added to the respective trophies.

The club are interested in friendly matches against other table tennis clubs and would be interested to hear from them.

Anyone interested in joining UTTC please contact David Williams 01487 812923

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

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.

For further information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702) ian.gaunt@care4free.net or Judith Harvey (710219, [ccanupwood@yahoo.com]).

Ramsey and District Garden Club

The Garden Club is for anyone who is interested in gardens or plants. We have talks on various subjects, organize visits to gardens and hold our annual show.

The next meeting on 17th January will be a question time with local experts to help to resolve gardening problems. This meeting will be held at the Rainbow Resource Centre. The meeting in February (21st) will be a talk on the history of the Allotment Society. On 21st March we are hosting a talk by Nick Hamilton, the son of the TV presenter Geoff Hamilton, entitled Barnsdale - the television years. The February and future meetings will be held at the Ramsey Community Centre. They start at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members and our subscription is £12.50 for a single member or £20.00 for a family membership. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 per meeting. The talk by Nick Hamilton would be a good opportunity to experience our group

For further details please contact Ian Gaunt 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group

This friendly group meets in the Upwood Village Hall at 8.45pm on the third Wednesday of alternate months. We have talks and visits related to local history and on history more widely. The next meeting will be on 16th March and is a talk entitled "The History of the American Armed Forces in East Anglia" by Peter Park the Historian for Alconbury/Molesworth /Upwood. This will be followed, on the 13th April, by a visit to the US base at Molesworth for a history tour.

New members are welcome as are visitors to individual meetings.

More information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702); ian.gaunt@care4free.net

Upwood Youth Club's back on track!

The all volunteer Governing Committee are presently re-building and rejuvenating the Upwood Club. Much of the Club's equipment had fallen into disrepair so it's being replaced, renovated or repaired. The table tennis, table football, Wii, computers and sound systems are all receiving major tlc.

We hope the revitalised club will encourage new members and entice existing members who've not been for a while to return. Membership is limited to youngsters in school years 7 -11, who live in Upwood village or previously attended Upwood Primary School. The Club meets in the Village Hall on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 10.00pm.

The Club is now looking for a new Youth Leader to take it to the next level in 2011 and with the help of a committee of enthusiastic parents and a members committee organise new activities and occasional trips. If you are interested in becoming the Youth Leader please contact Bob Child on 01487 815475 or bob.child82@virgin.net To ensure the future of the Club and to keep it running smoothly, we also need help at meetings from members' parents and other villagers in order to meet the adult/youngster ratio required by law. So If you're interested in helping out about once every six weeks or so, please contact Bob Child or pop into the Hall on a Friday evening.

ADVENT AND RENEWAL

December ushers in the season of ADVENT. This period of 4 weeks is a time of looking forward not just to Christmas but holidays, but the longer term hope for the return of Christ, and the "just and gentle rule" his coming heralds for every nation on earth.. A long time off – perhaps, but as real and certain as the birth, life and death of Jesus of Nazareth.

The first Advent Sunday introduces the Advent Ring, a wreath supporting Candles depicting our wait for the arrival of "the light of the world". The following 3 Sundays focus on the prophets, John the Baptist and the part played by Jesus mother Mary. Finally, of course on Christmas Day we light the central Candle celebrating Jesus arrival.

This year, 11th/12th Dec, St Peter's Church is hosting the Christmas Tree Festival (mentioned last in our October issue) when many tree decorations will be displayed by village Groups. One of those Trees will be a Jesse Tree. Through Advent we shall be adding a symbol and prophesy for each and every day of the Advent season. So do come along and spot the latest addition. Catch the spirit of the season and enjoy a great Christmas. [Gordon Slinn – 01487-815951]

Upwood School looks back on its Fifty Year Life

Next year Upwood primary School celebrates its fiftieth year in the village. Do you have any photographs, memorabilia, old school uniforms or just memories of the past fifty years?

The School is hoping to mount an exhibition early in March 2011 so if you have anything to offer, they would like to hear from you in January or February.

Contact Judith Branch at the School, or e-mail her on randjbranch@talktalk.net

Coup de Grass - Upwood Village Hall - 18th November

A sell out crowd enjoyed a fantastic evening of entertainment as the village hall hosted another performing arts event arranged through the Arts in Cambs on Tour scheme.

This time the audience were treated to a storming evening of good-time bluegrass music courtesy of Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass. The four piece band consist of Keith Pearson (banjo and vocals), James "Big Boy" Darby (harmonica), Andrew "Nancy" Noyes (guitar) and Phil "Tarzan Stripes" Milner (bass guitar) who entertained with a mixture of great songs and exciting instrumentals delivered alongside Keith's hilarious, curmudgeonly banter.

James Darby's breathtaking harmonica solos were the highlight of an exceptionally entertaining evening which had the crowd shouting for more, Doug McLeod.

Advance Notice

The next ACT show in the Village Hall will be Mervyn Stutter - a comedian - on Sunday 20th March. More about this in the February newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 4 th December	Meet and Munch Christmas meal in Village Hall Choral Society Christmas Concert - St.Thomas a'Becket
Saturday 11 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church
Sunday 12 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Carollers around Upwood
Monday 17 th January	Garden Club meets at Rainbow Resource Centre
Tuesday 25 th January	Quilters meet in Village Hall
Wednesday 2 nd February	Curios & Collectables WEA Course in Village Hall
Saturday 5 th February	Meet and Munch in Village Hall
Monday 21 st February	Garden Club meets at Rainbow Resource Centre
Tuesday 22 nd February	Quilters meet in Village Hall
Saturday 5 th March	Meet and Munch in Village Hall
Wednesday 16 th March	History Group meets in Village Hall
Monday 21 st March	Garden Club meeting with Nick Hamilton (son of Geoff)

Home to Home

This next year is Home to Home's 30th anniversary year and members would love to see "old" members at the meetings, so please come along as very welcome guests.

Seems a long time in the future but the next open event is in February when Riccki Outis will demonstrate how to screen print and let everyone "have a go". Don't miss it, it will be fun.

In March Beccy Turner will tell us all about EACH - that's East Anglia Children's Hospice, a wonderful charitable organisation.

In April there we be an evening focussing on gardening.

Other forthcoming events will be an evening about bee keeping and a biscuit making demonstration.

New members are welcome, as are visitors to open evenings. So do come along and meet the group. We can promise you a warm welcome and an interesting time. Want to know more? Call Francces Ashfield on 711411

Upwood and The Raveleys Food Fair

On Saturday 21st November U&R Fete Committee staged its first Food Fair in the Village Hall. Organised by Josie Gaunt and supported by members of the committee, the event proved to be a resounding success, with visitors arriving before the doors were opened. There was a wide variety of products on display and for sale and stall holders were kept busy. Goods ranged from Cam's lovely cup cakes to venison, honey and beeswax to gorgeous hand made chocolates, kitchen gadgets and books, to farm-fresh, laid that day, free range eggs. There were lots and lots of preserves and a display of quilted "foody" items including Margaret's delightful fabric cup cakes. It was a terrific show and the hall looked very attractive. Thanks to everyone who came, the stall-holders for a superb show of produce, the committee and helpers for all their hard work and the "tea ladies". A special thank you to Josie and Ian for organising a super food fair.

