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Editorial

Its an old cliché that a dog is not just for Christmas. The same goes for children. Young people these days do not have the opportunities for the experiences that past generations had. In the mid 1940s when I was nine or ten years old I could take my younger brother along the narrow road from our home, up a rough farm track, over an unguarded railway crossing into the woods to play with our Dinky toys in an old sand pit. I had two instructions: if we saw Mr Toze we must not talk to him, and when the freight train rumbled along the railway line it was time to come home for lunch. If parents did this today they would have the full weight of Social Services fall upon them.

To make up for this lack of freedom, a group of keen residents formed a Youth Club that could meet in the Village Hall every week. But modern rules say that there must be a specified number of adults in attendance to monitor their activities. And therein lies the rub.

Elsewhere in this issue Bob Child is asking for adults (they don't have to be parents but that's even better) who are keen to help run the Club. Parents do volunteer, but when their children grow up and leave the club they tend to leave also, leaving a vacancy. Hence the need for more volunteer adults. There is a management committee who would welcome new members and tell them how everything works - and it isn't time consuming and you are not left on your own..

We are fortunate to have a Village Hall, and a range of equipment for young people to use, and a group of adults who are enthusiastic to ensure that our young people have somewhere to go in their free time. All they need is a few more adults to help them.

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

Upwood Youth Club

The Youth Club had a good Autumn, with the numbers of youngsters attending rising week on week with renewed enthusiasm for the future of their Club. The members formed a new Youth Committee to help run the Club and come up with ideas and

activities that they – the members – would like to see in the future. The year ended with the Club's Christmas Party on 17th December. The Club is now closed for January while the Panto takes over the Village Hall, however the Youth Club's future is very uncertain. Since September the Governing Committee has been running the Club whilst making extensive efforts to find a new Youth Leader for the New Year. At the time of writing this search has been unsuccessful and it is likely that the Club will not re-open in the foreseeable future. Since it started 8 years ago, the Youth Leader has always been a volunteer, invariably a parent, supported by an Organising Committee of other volunteer/parents who value the Club as an important part of our village, somewhere where our youngsters can come, meet their friends and enjoy themselves in a safe, friendly environment. The Club has a venue, is well equipped, has all the formal policies in place, has some funds in the bank, and most importantly has plenty of young members who don't want to see their Club close.

If you are interested in becoming the Youth Leader, heading a small committee to run the Club, with the full support of a Governing Committee that's also made up of volunteers, all of whom have been involved in running Youth Club over the years, please contact Bob Child on 815475 or email bob.child82@virgin.net

No previous experience is necessary – just the enthusiasm to work with others to make the Club a success. The whole Organising Committee (including the Youth Leader) is in place for one year and elections would take place at the YC AGM each Spring.

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

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 liz@backtracks.biz or ALISON MILES amiles@gotadsl.co.uk
 (01487) 813008 07824682872



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 upwoodsmalltotall@btinternet.com

BOOKS FOR BRICKS

Ramsey Abbey Walled Kitchen Garden Trust will start their fundraising this year by holding a second-hand Book Sale on Sunday February 13th between 10 am and 3.30 pm at the Community Hall, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey - free parking in the Rainbow Surgery Car Park- entrance £1.00 Adults, Children Free Volunteers desperately need to raise £4,000 this year to reinstate the two brick built cold frames (30ft by 4ft) in the Walled Garden. They have been able to reclaim some of the old bricks but still need to buy hundreds more to match them. If you have any books, that you would like to donate please contact 814304 for collection. DVDs and CDs, would also be welcomed.

WANTED

Stallholders at the Village fete on Saturday 25th June 2011

Craftwork of all kinds

Basket makers, potters, wood carvers, etc. etc.

Book stall, Toy stall, etc.

Call 01487 711411 with and for details, please



UPWOOD BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

A new group is being formed in the village – if you love books and reading, come along and join us! We will be meeting at The Cross Keys PH, in the public bar, on a

Wednesday morning every 6 weeks. First official meeting will be 23rd February 2011.

Members are invited to put forward a book for inclusion on the reading list, from which one is chosen at each meeting to be read and then discussed at the next meeting. Books should be available from the local lending library or to purchase via charity bookshops or from Amazon 2nd hand online bookstore.

The first book chosen from our existing list is THE NINE TAILORS by Dorothy L Sayers – set in the Fens in the early part of 20th century, this book comes highly recommended. So, if you have not yet tried it, grab a copy from the lending library and if it is an old favourite, have a re-read so you are up-to-date with the characters and the action.

This group aims to enrich and widen your choice of reading; encourage people to discuss their reading experience and exchange views on books read and, most of all, provide a wide choice of books recommended by other members of the group. Tea and coffee provided by Jane (£1 per head), a nice warm room and a good book to read – what more could you ask for!

Other books currently on the reading list for future meetings:

The Lady & The Unicorn by Tracy Chevalier
A Plague on Both Your Houses by Susannah Gregory
The Island by Victoria Hislop
Never Far From Nowhere by Andrea Levey
The Lunar Men by Jenny Uglow

If you want more details, contact Liz Carter – 11 Church Lane, Upwood, tel. 01487 813008 or email liz@backtracks.biz



East of England Ambulance Service

FREE! - First Aid course.

NHS Trust

Would **you** know what to do in a life-threatening emergency?
- Always thought you should take a First Aid course?

- Only got a couple of hours to spare?
- Don't want to travel far?

Heart Start is a **free** initiative provided by the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service. We are offering you a 2 hour emergency First Aid course in your community on **Sunday 13th of February** at **Upwood Village Hall**.

Places are strictly limited and **must** be booked.

Open to both adults and children over **8** years old.

2 sessions are available at either **10:30am or 1pm** on **Sunday 13th February**.

Please call Graham Hillman on **01487 711407** a.s.a.p. to book your free place

Upwood Village Hall

in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour

presents

Mervyn Stutter

Sunday 20th March at 7.30pm

Mervyn Stutter is an actor, comedian, scriptwriter, satirical songwriter, founder member of The Flying Pickets and something of a national treasure; he performs at the Edinburgh Fringe every year and audiences love him. He's worked on Radio, TV, in theatre and cabaret and knows how to tell stories and sing songs, poke fun at himself and the Baby Boomer generation. His sometimes wicked but always affectionate sense of humour brings warmth and joy to an audience that is happy to laugh both at his life and their own. Merv will treat you to a generous helping of wonderful new comedy songs and audience banter in a joyous show of life affirming fun.

Box Office - open now - 01487 814114

Tickets £8.50 Concessions £7.50

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. Ring me Angie Walters on 01480 300726 or send me an e-mail angiew1@ntlworld.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Florence Alice "Toby" Stratton

"Toby" was born on 25th June 1920 at Millstone Cottage on Upwood High Street, where, after living elsewhere in Huntingdonshire, she returned to spend the last thirty years or so of her life.

"Toby" lived with her parents Ernest and John Woodward, her older sisters Ruth and Doris and younger brother Gordon in Millstone Cottage until after the Great War, attending the village school and attending the Methodist Chapel.

She was a very pretty girl who, in her early twenties met and married Kenneth Stratton who came from St Mary's and was serving in the Royal Navy. His nickname for her was "Toby", which was how she was known for the rest of her life. The wedding was at Upwood Chapel on New Year's Eve 1942 and was a very stylish affair.

While Kenneth returned to the Navy "Toby" worked in a munitions factory at Elstow until daughter Gilly was born in Upwood in May 1945. When Kenneth left the Navy he moved his family to Yaxley to find work and "Toby" then had a little boy, Paul in 1954. "Toby" moved with her parents to St Mary's where she was always involved in local organisations, Church, Chapel and WI as well as working in the village shop. When her parents died in the 1970s the family moved back the Millstone Cottage - her childhood home. Three years later her husband died and she concentrated on her garden which gave her so much pleasure.

In June 2009 "Toby's" health began to fail and she was hospitalised with pneumonia. Just before her 90th birthday she was again hospitalised with pneumonia and upon release her family decided that she needed special care and went into Florence House in Ramsey. The excellent care there improved her health although she was confused at times until she died on Monday 22nd November with her daughter and son-in-law at her bedside. She will be very much missed by her family, grand children and great-grandchildren as well as many villagers who were pleased to know her. Gilly Phillips - daughter..

Icy Roads, Salt bins - and the Law

The Parish and County Council have provided salt bins where there are known hazards in our community, these are the hill and corner on Meadow Road, and the junctions on the High Street with Ailwine Road and Church Lane, both have gradients. The County Council salts the roads through the Raveleys, Longholme Road and Huntingdon Road. Measures the Parish Council has undertaken is the cutting back of the Cemetery hedge to allow the sun to warm the road and making sure there are sufficient salt bins provided.

The bins should be used for the adjacent road and the salting left to volunteers, who will monitor stocks. If there is a junction or area of concern, can parishioners please report this to the council. This will allow us to assess and make plans how to deal with the problem.

Taking of salt is illegal and can cause serious problems if volunteers find the bins empty. One or two people have taken salt and this has caused problems when the County Council is conserving stocks, being unable to replace the salt used.

Upwood Carol Singers

Despite a chilly evening the Carollers sang and collected their way round the village, stopping off for refreshing gluwain kindly provided by John Jackson. The last port of call was at the Cross keys Inn where Jane and Kevin invited us to sing. Finally supper and mulled wine awaited us at the home of Judith and Mervyn Harvey. Donations amounting to £318.00 have been forwarded to Addenbrookes's hospital Cambridge to support their appeal to purchase specialist ultrasound equipment for the Urology Clinic. A very big thank you to everyone for their generous support.

Upwood School looks back on its Fifty Year Life

This 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

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

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

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

Meet & Munch

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

5th February and 5th March.

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.

Upwood Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club had its annual Christmas Party in December when “wigs” were the dress code. Table tennis was accompanied with festive music and much hilarity at the array of imaginative head dresses worn by the players who also provided a delicious spread of food. January has been restricted to one table due to the Panto, but will be back to normal in February. Anyone wishing to try their hand with the bat, please contact David Williams on 01487 812923

RUTH ELIZABETH BUNNAGE 1945 - 2011

Ruth Elizabeth Bunnage was a local girl and one of life's busy people. She was born at Meadow Farm in Upwood, in 1945 to George and Marjory Slote, Ruth attended Upwood Village School, affectionately known as 'Jock Denny's Academy'!! She then went to Ramsey Secondary Modern School. Her out-of-school time, however, was absorbed by her passion for horses and riding. On leaving school, Ruth worked on her dad's farm. She then went to work for EMAP in Peterborough.. Ruth married Norman in 1967, then followed Sally, and Russell, and a move to Upwood Common Farm. There, Ruth's outdoor interests established her as Norman's 'right hand man' helping him with the farm, with his "Tree work" and looking after various animals; Ruth's other satisfaction was her garden which supplied the family with vegetables. After leaving the farm Ruth had various jobs in the catering industry, including being cook at the Angel in Ramsey, where she became very well known. Ruth was passionate about cooking and supported Norman's shooting interest by helping her good friends with shoot meals. She was an active member of Abbots Ripton Gardening Club, Ruth was also very involved

with other groups in the village, including Upwood History Group and the WEA.

A devoted Granny to Tawney, Tabitha, Tallulah & Martha, Ruth loved to spend time with them. An independent lady, Ruth lived life to the full. She was a great character, taking all life's hurdles in her stride; always welcoming and never complaining. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her.

Upwood Church – A PLACE FOR ALL

A wooden church, situated in Upwood, is listed in the Domesday book. It stood where the current church is and was taken down in 1100AD when work began on the main part of St Peter's as we know it today. The building was not so much a place of worship as a focal centre for the community who used it for a wide range of events and meetings. In fact, it was a community property and its upkeep was the responsibility of the local people.

Over time the use of the building has changed to being church focused with it only being used for services of worship, Christenings, weddings and funerals. Thus Upwood's largest community building was lost to the local people – other than for the purposes mentioned. This has been recognised by Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) in many villages in England and in Upwood we feel that bringing the church building back into community use is the right thing to do.

To facilitate this change we will need to make some alterations to the church building such as removing some of the pews and putting in toilet and kitchen facilities. This where you come in. The Church, has already offered some proposals. If you have some ideas of how the space can be used by you, your group or indeed the whole community, we would like to hear from you with your ideas, needs etc. Please respond via the link: st.peters.upwood@gmail.com – or Gordon Slinn Tel: 01487 - 815951

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 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.

The following meeting will be on June 1st (note the deviation from our normal day due to a clash of bookings for the Village Hall) will be a talk by John Shepperson with the title The 1947 Floods from Swaversey to Earith.

New members are welcome as are visitors to individual meetings.

More information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702);

ian.gaunt@care4free.net

Home to Home

This year Home to Home celebrates its 30th birthday. The committee would love to contact "old" members and friends of the group to invite them to our meetings as our guests during the year. Of course we are always pleased to have new members and visitors at our meetings, the first of which is a demonstration and "hands on" evening with Ricki Outis, who will show how to screen print and let members "have a go". Date 28th February at 8pm in the Village Hall.

On March 28th Beccy Turner will tell us all about EACH, East Anglia Children's Hospice, and on April 18th gardener Pam Tuplin will explain

"What goes with pink". Both events in the Hall at 8pm. Biscuit making in May and Bee keeping in July. There will be an outing in June and the AGM and barbeque in August. An interesting programme of talks and events so if you have never paid H-H a visit why not come along and meet the group. The only event not open to visitors is the AGM.

Want to know more? Call Frances Ashfield on 711411

Upwood Art Group

Normally at this time the Art Group takes a break while the panto fills the hall. This year is different and the club has continued to meet at ten every Saturday, working in slightly more limited space and surrounded by props and scenery.....very interesting.

Members enjoyed a terrific Christmas lunch at the Cross Keys, with the usual banter, poetry(??) and songs.....our thanks to Jane and Kevin, the food and service were first class and we had a really good time.

There will be a variety of activities through the coming year including a visit to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, the Fitzwilliam Museum and a range of painting venues within the area. Last year's painting holiday was so popular that we will be visiting Saltmarsh again this year for a week's painting and relaxation! New ideas and venues will be considered and tried where possible. Visitors are very welcome at meetings, there are always materials for beginners to try, no charge, and there are refreshments. It's a friendly group that welcomes newcomers and you may be tempted to have a go. Call Frances on 711411 for details



Wildlife Trust – Huntingdonshire Local Group

www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/

NEWS RELEASE Native Ladybirds vs The Harlequins

Ladybirds will be the focus of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon shire Local Group, on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight, Peter Brown, of Anglia Ruskin University, will give our presentation. Peter has been monitoring the spread of the invasive Harlequin ladybird and will reveal their impact on our native species. Peter will look at the ecology and behaviour of these

ladybirds, explaining why this should be of interest to conservationists and whether our native species could and should be protected.

Peter has written many publications on ladybirds and says that 'the harlequin is one of the fastest spreading insects in Europe and seems to be having a seriously negative effect on native ladybirds, with the familiar 2-, 7- and 14-spot faring the worst'.

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.

Life on the Fens: Eels, Punts and Poaching

Life on the Fens will be the topic of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdonshire Local Group, on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Tonight our guest speaker will be Peter Carter who, following a long line in his family, uses traditional methods to maintain reed beds in the Fens. Peter is an expert in the life cycle of eels and describes how they have traditionally been caught using wicker traps. He will relate how recent changes in catching practices have greatly affected eel populations and how these trends are a threat to the continued existence of the eel. Peter will also show us the different types of punt and gun and how they were used in the past to shoot duck on the Fens.

In addition, Peter works for the Woodland Trust making fences and hedge laying and demonstrates the craft of willow weaving at local schools.

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.

Changing England

I was shocked to read in the Sunday Times, just before Christmas, that forty pubs are closing every week - that's every week in England. These are mostly village pubs, although some suburban pubs are losing the battle to survive also. There seem to be many reasons. Some pubs in out of the way places have been unable to adopt to the drink-drive laws and provide alternative food and drink. The smoking ban has emptied public bars where chaps enjoyed a pint and a pipe, and the large breweries and chains impose their wills upon the landlords with no consideration for the customers needs and wants.

Most villages have three centres of activity...the church, the village hall and the pub if they are lucky. Some still have the luxury of the village shop. The loss of any one of these means the lives of villages change radically. In a world where we are constantly reminded of global warming and the size of our carbon footprints it seems illogical to close the organisations that are on our doorsteps and don't necessitate car journeys to worship, eat out, have a pint or hold a meeting. With the present cost of fuel it would seem practical and sensible to keep local facilities open and functioning. We have a church, a

village hall and a lovely pub, lets use them. Frances Ashfield

The above article is just one example of lack of joined up thinking by our policy makers these days. Electricity bills rise to pay for the ludicrous windmills that are deemed necessary to reduce our carbon emissions. At the same time we are allowing hundreds of thousands of immigrants into the country. They will want housing, heating, fuel for cooking, transport, food, and services - will in the main increase our carbon footprint. People create pollution. The population of the world is three times what it was in 1900. Discuss. Editor

WANTED
Stallholders at the Village fete on Saturday 25th June 2011
 Craftwork of all kinds
 Basket makers, potters, wood carvers, etc. etc.
 Book stall, Toy stall, etc.
 Call 01487 711411 with and for details, please

Pancake coffee morning

Following last year's success we have decided to do another Pancake Coffee morning. On Tuesday 8th March from 10-12 am in the Upwood Village Hall we will serve you pancakes with a wide array of fillings. It is sure to be a delightful morning! Tickets £3 (children under 8 £1.50) Contact Anne-Marie Cracknell 812195 or for further details. annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 2 nd February | Curios & Collectables WEA Course in Village Hall |
| Saturday 5 th February | Meet and Munch in Village Hall |
| Wednesday 9 th February | Wildlife Trust - Native Ladybirds v Harlequins |
| Saturday 12 th February | Millstone Cottage - Sale of effects. |
| Sunday 13 th February | Book Sale at Ramsey Community Centre |
| Sunday 13 th February | Free First Aid Course in Village Hall |
| Saturday 19 th February | "Best of British" evening in Village Hall |
| Monday 21 st February | Garden Club meets at Rainbow Community Centre |
| Tuesday 22 nd February | Quilters meet in Village Hall |
| Wednesday 23 rd February | Upwood Book Lovers first meeting at Cross Keys |
| Monday 28 th February | Home to Home - Screen Printing in Village Hall |
| Saturday 5 th March | Meet and Munch in Village Hall |
| Tuesday 8 th March | Pancake Coffee Morning in Village Hall |
| Wednesday 9 th March | Wildlife Trust - Life on the Fens |
| Wednesday 16 th March | History Group meets in Village Hall |
| Sunday 20 th March | Mervyn Stutter Show in Village Hall |
| Monday 21 st March | Garden Club meeting with Nick Hamilton (son of Geoff) |

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| Monday 28 th March | Home to Home - East Anglia Children's Hospice |
| Wednesday 13 th April | History Group visits USAF Molesworth |
| Monday 18 th April | Home to Home gardening - "What goes with pink" |
| Wednesday 1 st June | History Group "The 1947 Floods" in Village Hall |
| Saturday 25 th June | Upwood Village Fete |

St Peter's Church

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| 6th Feb. | Morning Prayer 9.30am |
| 13th Feb. | United Service 10am St. Thomas a Becket (no service in Upwood) |
| 20th Feb. | Family Service 9.30am |
| 21 st Feb. | Christian Unity Prayer 12.30-12.45am |
| 27th Feb. | Holy communion 9.30am |
| 6th March. | Morning Prayer 9.30am |
| 13th March. | Holy communion 9.30am |
| 20th March. | Family Service 9.30am |
| 27th March. | Holy communion 9.30am |

Lent Lunches

Come and join us for soup & cheese lunches during Lent on 12th, 19th, 26th and 2nd, 9th April. What a better way to eat than with friends and have a chat in a very relaxing atmosphere!

"Best of British" Evening

A celebration of the Best of British at the Upwood Village Hall
Saturday 19th February at 7.30pm.

Nibbles will be provided alongside a raffle, but please bring your own drinks.
Dress code: British History (at least from a decade ago)



Tickets - £6 per person *In aid of Upwood Church Funds*

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Handbells

For bookings of baptism and weddings please contact the Church Administrator, Janet Reed on 01487 812211

For St Peter's weddings in Upwood, the Handbells can offer to play during the ceremony and the Church Administrator will give a contact number. Janet Reed:

01487812211

Appreciation of the Phantom Gritters

Many of us appreciated the work of the phantom gritters during the recent inclement weather. Thank you Keith Sisman and his son.

Sale of Household Effects

Millstone Cottage, 49 High Street Upwood

Next to St Peter's Church

Furniture, China, Linen, Books, Garden Tools,
Flower Pots, Bric-a-brac, etc.

Saturday 12th February - 11am - 3pm