



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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Editorial

We are the envy of towns and villages around us because we live in a pleasant safe environment which is maintained by the efforts of volunteers.

The parish councillors, the Preserving Upwood group, the organisers of all the activities that we enjoy, even the production and distribution of newsletters not to mention the Youth Club and the newly formed Allotment Holders association, all depend on unpaid, willing volunteers.

Two groups, the Fete Committee and the Youth Club have reached the point now where they desperately need new members to run the activities. Most of the present organisers are getting on a bit and have been working on their particular interests for many years. Now they need younger people to start being involved, to bring in fresh ideas as well as reduce the load on each individual.

I can hear the responses now, "I don't have time", "I commute out of area and don't have the energy" "I wouldn't know what to do." These are cop-outs. Helping run any of the groups involves very little of your time - but your ideas and suggestions and input make all the difference. How often have you said, when youngsters are criticised for their actions - "They should do something for them." There is no "they" Even Dave's "Big Society" does not come ready staffed. It will rely on you and I to volunteer for the benefit of the community. Think about it - please.



UPWOOD BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

The first meeting was held on Wednesday 23rd February at The Cross Keys public house. Members of the group enjoyed an interesting and lively session discussing 'The Nine Tailors' by Dorothy L Sayers.

Why not join us for our next meeting which will be held on

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

Our current book choice is

THE PLAIN TRUTH by JODI PICOULT

In order to make the group accessible to more people, 2 sessions will be held on April 13th. 'THE PLAIN TRUTH' WILL BE DISCUSSED AT BOTH MEETINGS so please come to the one which is most convenient for you. The morning session will be held at 10.30 am and the evening session at 7.30pm. Both sessions will be at The Cross Keys public house.

A subscription of £2 per session is requested which covers the cost of coffee and surplus funds will be for the use of the Librarian towards obtaining copies of our selected books.

This group aims to enrich and widen your choice of reading; encourage people to discuss their reading experience and exchange views on books to read and, most of all, provide a wide choice of books recommended by other members of the group.

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

Flower Festival in Upwood

(to put in your diary)

16th & 17th July 2011

This year, we wish to invite the village groups into the church building and to welcome them to participate in this wonderful activity. The Flower Festival will be entirely integrated with the open garden event.

We invite all groups in the community to make an arrangement with your own design.

If you are interested, please contact me: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net

01487 812195 The theme of the flower festival will be "Holidays"



WEA UPWOOD BRANCH

SUMMER TERM 2011

THE TWO WORLD WARS

Tutor - Stephen Corley

Wednesday evenings 8-10pm : 6 weeks from 27th April 2011
Upwood Village Hall

No period of history excites so much popular interest as the era of the two World Wars and no period is more important for understanding our world today. If you are interested in the events and the personalities involved, come along to a themed course, covering the First World War, the Great Depression, the rise of Hitler, the Second World War and the post-war aftermath.

Course fee £38 – 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 EC3A 4HL. It is a charity registered in England and Wales (number 1112775)

Upwood Village Hall Annual General Meeting

This important annual event will be held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 6th April 2011. This needs your support as the Village Hall is one of the important social centres of the parish. See you there?

UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

You may think that the fete is ages away, plenty of time for the committee to get organised, but some things have to be arranged long before the event. So, If you, or someone you know, would like a stall, please call 711411 for an entry form. Do you know a craftsperson who would demonstrate their work and sell it? Give us a call/ Any group or organisation in the villages of Upwood and The Raveleys which would like to raise funds, is invited to organise and run a bric-a-brac stall. Tables will be provided. Call the above number for details.

Donations of items for the tombola are needed. Please deliver anything you can spare to 3, Thatchers Close or call 711411 and we will collect.

Finally (for the moment) if you would like to help on the day or have any ideas or suggestions 711411 is the number to call. All help is gratefully received.

Upwood Quilters

We are a very friendly and lively group who meet on the last Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. We had a different venue in December and had a very good lunch in the Marquee at Frost's Garden Centre. It is thanks to Deana, Janet and Margaret who work hard to arrange these things. Not being able to use the hall in January we had two meetings in February, a normal one when we each did our personal projects and an all day meeting when we concentrated on our group quilt which will be the raffle prize at our show on Sunday 9th October which starts at noon. We are also having a coffee morning on Friday 6th May with a Bring and Buy Stall, a tombola and a raffle. Please come along! The committee has also organised a trip to York on Friday 15th July, open to non-members, at a cost of £20. It will leave the Cross Keys at 8 am and leave York at around 4.30pm. If you wish to know about this or anything else about our group please ring Deana on 711221

Upwood Table Tennis Club

January was a quiet month as we were reduced to one table due to the panto. However we are now back to normal with regular attendances of 20 or more members. The club does have a waiting list but would welcome anyone interested to come and try their luck any Tuesday evening. For more information please contact David Williams on 01487 812923

Obituaries

If relatives would like an obituary put in this newsletter of anyone who lived in the villages, could they let the Editor know.

Upwood Open Gardens and Scarecrow Competition.

Sunday 17th July.

This year's Open Gardens Day will also feature a scarecrow competition and an art exhibition. Upwood Art Group will have a display of work in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th July, from 10am to 4pm. Entry free and refreshments available all day. Tickets for the Open Gardens will be on sale in the Hall at those times.

Adults £2.00, children 50p. to include a map showing gardens.

Everyone is invited to enter the Scarecrow competition. Scarecrows should be built in front gardens where they can be easily seen and will be judged at approx 11am on the 17th. Call 01487 711411 for an entry form costing £1. There will be a prize for the best entry. Please support this new venture and make it a successful, enjoyable day.

The Great Upwood Quiz Night

Upwood Village Hall

Saturday 9th April - 7.00 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start

Teams of 4 people

£8.00 per head

Hot Supper Raffle Licensed Bar

In aid of St Peter's Church - Upwood

Tickets from - Geoff Dudley 01487 812424

Geoff Carrington 01487 812925

Stagecoach news

The Stagecoach bus operator has advised us that the 431 service from Great Raveley to St. Neots will be cancelled from Sunday 17th April..

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

FETE FACTS

This is the tenth fete that the committee has organised and some of the members feel it's time for a break and a change. Consequently at the AGM in September there will be several resignations. It's felt that the fete needs some younger, energetic, imaginative folk to keep it that way and inject new life and ideas into the day. If volunteers don't contact the committee before the AGM in September, it's quite possible that there won't be a fete in 2012. That would be a great shame after the groundwork done by present members. It's NOT hard work but does need commitment and a few meetings during the year. "Old" members will be around to consult, advise etc., if needs be, not leaving the country, just concentrating on other projects. If you feel you'd like to come on board in September please let us know. call 01487 711411.or speak to a committee member at the fete in June, it will help us to see our way forward and ensure that the fete continues.

Keep in touch with the Police

Do you want to know what your neighbourhood policing team is doing to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour in this are? E-cops is the answer. No, they are not virtual policemen. If you are electronically connected you can log on to www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops Then you can let the police know your thoughts and they will respond, and you will get a regular newsletter via e-mail about policing in this area. This complements Neighbourhood Watch.

PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers

Colin Racey.....812380	David Paine..... 814350
Terry Bell..... 813799	Andrew Perkins.....812826
Keith Sisman..... .710552	Nigel Gowler.....812742
Jo Paxton..... . 812138	Terry Bell..... ..813799
David McCreadie...812831	Robin Howe..... 814393

Colin Bryce

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

Note: This list is only valid until Election Day 5th May 2011.

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

St Peter's APCM

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Parochial Meeting to be held:
At 7:30 on 14th April 2011 in Upwood Village Hall.
All members of the Church are invited to attend

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 meeting in March was a talk by Nick Hamilton who is the son of the TV presenter Geoff Hamilton, entitled Barnsdale - the television years. The next meeting on 18th April will be a talk by George Stevenson on "The National Garden Scheme". The meetings are held at the Ramsey Community Centre on the third Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm.

Our Annual Show will be held on 23rd July at the Ramsey Rural Museum. It is open to non-members of the Club and there are chances for everyone to enter. The schedule will soon be available so 'watch this space'.

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. We are organising a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Wisley on Sunday 22nd May. There will be places available for non-members at a cost of £16 to include coach travel and entry to the garden. This is a large and very interesting garden that is well worth a visit. For more information about this visit or to book a place on the coach please contact Ruth Peckover (01487 812048)
For further details on the Club or our programme please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

STAY AND PLAY

Free weekly drop in sessions ideally suited for children
0-5 years old.
10.00 to 11.30

Upwood Village Hall, High Street, Upwood

An opportunity for parents/carers of children under 5 years of age to meet and play together. Toys and healthy snack provided

This facility is organised and run by Ramsey Children's Centre, Unit 3, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey.
Telephone 01487 814812

St.Peter's Church Services

3rd April.	Morning Prayer 9.30am	Mothering Sunday Service
10th April.	Holy Communion 9.30am	
17th April.	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	Family Service 9.30am
21st April.	<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	Holy Communion 7pm (Church open for quiet reflection until 9.30pm)
24th April.	<u>Easter Sunday</u>	Holy Communion 9.30am (Handbells playing)
1st May.	Morning Prayer 9.30am	
8th May.	Holy Communion 9.30am	
15th May.	Family Service 9.30am	
22nd May.	Morning Prayer 9.30am	
29th May.	Holy Communion 9.30am	(or as displayed on the church noticeboard)

Dates for your diary

Wednesday	6 th April	Village Hall Annual General Meeting
Friday	8 th April	Upwood Youth Club meeting in Village Hall
Saturday	9 th April	Open House 9-noon at 9 Helens Close
Saturday	9 th April	Choral Society presents "Hallelujah"
Saturday	9 th April	Great Upwood Quiz Night
Tuesday	12 th April	St.Peter's Church Family Fun Extravaganza
Wednesday	13 th April	Upwood Book Lovers group meeting
Wednesday	13 th April	History Group visits USAF Molesworth
Thursday	14 th April	Annual Parochial Church meeting
Monday	18 th April	Home to Home "What goes with Pink"
Monday	18 th April	Garden Club meeting at Ramsey
Wednesday	27 th April	WEA Course starts - "The Two World Wars"
Saturday	30 th April	Meet and Munch Royal Wedding lunch
Friday	6 th May	Quilters Coffee Morning
Sunday	22 nd May	Garden Club visit to RHS Gardens at Wisley
Monday	23 rd May	Home to Home "Biscuit Making"
Wednesday	1 st June	History Group talk on the 1947 floods.
Saturday	4 th June	Meet and Munch Summer Tea
Sunday	12 th June	Garden Club Plant Sale at Ramsey Rural Museum
Saturday	25th June	Upwood Village fete
Saturday	2 nd July	Meet and Munch Summer Tea
Saturday	16 th July	Flower Festival
Sunday	17 th July	Flower Festival
Sunday	17 th July	Upwood Open Gardens and Scarecrow Compet'n
Friday	15 th July	Quilters group trip to York

Saturday	23 rd July	Garden Club Annual Show in Ramsey
Tuesday	9 th August	Upwood 55+ Trip to Bury St. Edmunds
Saturday	13 th August	Meet and Munch Summer Tea
Saturday	3 rd September	Meet and Munch Summer Tea
Sunday	9 th October	Quilters Show

Parish Council Matters

Thursday 5th May is local election Day for Parish and District Councillors. The Parish Council is going to change, partly because the number of councillors is being reduced by two, and several long standing members will be standing down and new candidates are putting their names forward. Please remember to vote. Preceding the March Parish Council meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting wherein leaders of local groups report on their activities past and present. A number of members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and stayed on for the normal Parish Council meeting. Some time was devoted to the report given by the newly formed Allotment Holders Group who focus on improving conditions and formalising the Rules governing allotments. There was nothing new to report about the possible provision of Gypsy and Travellers sites in the Parish

A Grand Celebration to be held on Saturday 9th April at 7pm in St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey.

To mark their 20th anniversary, Ramsey Choral Society, led by Musical Director William Missin, himself a member of the renowned choir "The Sixteen", will perform Handel's Messiah. The Choir will be joined by visiting singers and professional soloists to provide a wall of sound of more than 50 voices, which together with an accompanying baroque orchestra promises a great performance of this popular work.

Tickets available from:

School Plus (Ramsey) or 01487 710792 or on www.ramseychoral.org
 Ramsey Choral Society Registered Charity no: 1029931

UPWOOD ART GROUP

UAG meets very Saturday morning from 10 am til noon. There is a wide selection of materials for newcomers to try, before buying their own, and subject matter to paint or draw is arranged. One to one instruction is available at all times. A professional model sits for the group two or three times a year. During good weather we work at local venues, sharing transport where necessary, visit the Fitzwilliam and the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy and paint at various sits around Upwood. This a very friendly group who enjoy painting and a vibrant social atmosphere. It is true to say that Saturday mornings are fun and not at all "arty". Drop in one Saturday morning - you may want to stay.

Easter Family Fun Extravaganza



Easter Family Fun Art & Craft Extravaganza at
Upwood Church, Tuesday 12th April, 10am-12pm.

Entrance free

For further details: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net
Tel: 01487 812195

Important Public Meeting

Come and help
secure the future of

Upwood Youth Club

Village Hall
8th April at 7.30pm

All welcome, particularly parents of YC members and those of younger children who'll want to be members in the future.



Investigating and Exploring



Upwood Small to Tall

EVERY WEEK DAY TERM TIME

Breakfast Club 8.00am - 9.00am

Pre-School 8.30am - 11.30am (funded children)

9.00am - 11.30am (non-funded children)

After School Club 3.30pm - 6.00pm



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

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

Lent Lunches

We had a very enjoyable time already in the last few weeks where some of the soups have been made from our Lent soup book.

Come and join us for soup & cheese lunches during Lent, this month on 2nd, 9th, 16th April.

What a better way to eat than with friends and have a chat in a very relaxing atmosphere!

Meet & Munch will restart with a Royal Wedding party on 30th April.

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 email sharon.radford@theramseyfoundation.org.uk

WORLD WAR 2 BOOKS

The late Bill Bowman had dozens of books based on WW11. Would anyone be interested in having them - we would very much like to give them to someone who would appreciate the collection. If so, please contact Val on 07770 483437 or email: valgingell@googlemail.com

UPWOOD 55+

It seems a while ago now, but thanks to Jane and Kevin at The Cross Keys, we had a wonderful Christmas Lunch. We normally do not meet in January but this year Chris Bruce opened her home for an afternoon tea party. Members who attended enjoyed meeting up with friends again and to catch up with all the news! 1 February, back in the Hall, and after a game of Bingo, we were entertained by Mr. Pat Tuffin and his monologues. He was so funny and made us laugh so much with his sometimes risqué rhymes and his rural intonations, we didn't want him to finish.

In March we were given a talk and a slide show from Jane Sills about the volunteers who have brought the Ramsey Walled Garden back to life. They are very dedicated, it looks so good already and they have even more plans for it. Before she spoke members were presented with a quiz which brought out a lot of competitiveness.

In May we are going to visit the Raptor Centre where we will have tea and watch the display. We have a coach booked to go to Bury St. Edmund's on Tuesday 9th August, so if you are interested in going or anything else involving the group, please ring Chris Bruce on 812327

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE

Come to the Fete in Fancy Dress and you may win a prize.

During the afternoon our judge will award three prizes for the best dress under twelves. And this is open to boys as well as girls.

Go for it.

Meet & Munch and the Royal Wedding

As the Christmas Lunch had to be cancelled we have decided to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding instead. So put on your best "togs" on Saturday 30th April and join us in the Village Hall for a festive lunch.

The dates for the Summer teas are 4th June, 2nd July, 13th August and 3rd September. All in the Village Hall from 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

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

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]).

Home to Home

February's meeting was the first of the year and proved to be a very successful event. Ricki Outis, a local artist who works in a multitude of materials, showed members how to screen print. Everyone then designed a pattern to print on a fabric bag. There were birds, animals, robots, palm trees and abstracts, flowers and teddies among the terrific stencils made by the members. The finished bags were exceptional and twenty six were ready to take home by the end of the evening. Ricki is an experienced artist and teacher and everyone enjoyed her event very much. Hopefully she will pay us another visit before too long.

The April speaker on Monday 18th is gardener Pam Tupin whose talk is entitled "What goes with pink?" Visitors are welcome, entry is only £2 and the meeting starts at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Liz Lovsy will demonstrate biscuit making at our meeting on 23rd May. The July meeting will focus on Bee Keeping.

There will be an outing in June and the AGM and Barbeque are set for 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