



Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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Editorial

The community is very sorry to lose Malcolm and Deana Hudson who have relocated to Cornwall. During their years in the village they have contributed much to our lives through various groups. Deana also took over editing this newsletter for the last two issues, which was appreciated by the Editor. We wish them well in their new home and at the same time welcome the new residents at The Old Post Office and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

Upwood Quiz Night

We are planning to hold the next Upwood Quiz on Saturday 28th April 2012 in Upwood Village Hall. Hall open 7.00 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start.

As before, the quiz will be for teams of (up to) four. There will be a hot supper, bar and (of course!) a raffle.

Tickets will be £8.00 and all proceeds will go to St. Peter's Church.

For further information or tickets, contact Geoff Carrington (812925) or Geoff Dudley (812424).

Upwood Carol Singing

Despite a chilly evening, the rain ceased in time for the Carollers to sing and collect their way round the village, making the last port of call at the Cross Keys Inn, where Jane and Kevin invited us to sing. Finally supper awaited us at the home of Judith and Mervyn Harvey. Donations amounting to £312.00 have been forwarded to Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge to support their £1.1million appeal to replace the existing da Vinci robot which is used to treat men affected by prostate cancer. A huge thank you to everyone for their generous support.

Meet and munch

The group does not meet in March or April because Lent Lunches take precedent.

Cross Keys Diary Dates 2012

Friday 3rd February ~ Steak & Kidney Pudding Night £13.50

Tuesday 14th February ~ Valentines Night Dinner £25

Sunday 26th February ~ Charity Quiz Night 7pm start £2.50pp (teams of four)

Saturday 10th March ~ Music Night with Matt & Ryan

Saturday 17th March ~ St Patricks Night ~ a selection of Irish dishes

Sunday 18th March ~ Mothering Sunday £25 three course lunch & coffee

Also.... New Winter Warmer Menu £12 for two courses, Over 55's

Lunch on Thursdays (two courses £7.95) & Steak Night every Thursday

FREE starter or dessert with all steaks (from £12.95)

PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month in Upwood Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public welcomed.

Table Tennis Club

January has been a quiet month for us with only one table in action (pantomime) and attendances have been expectedly lower than normal. Nevertheless those who did come enjoyed a very cosy and sociable atmosphere in one hall. The club also celebrated a members birthday with a piece of cake and a glass of wine which has become an established custom of the UTTC.

The club are holding this years annual dinner dance at The George Hotel, Ramsey where a Carvery meal will be followed by a Disco. For Feb, March and April there will be coaching on the second Tuesday of the month for those members wishing to improve their standard. Upwood Table Tennis Club play every Tuesday night 7.30-10pm. For more info. contact David Williams 01487 812923

www. upwood.org news

The villages' website continues to expand and is updated at regular intervals. Here are some examples of the information you can access:

Newsletter - current and back copies

Parish Council Minutes - latest approved minutes and archive back to 2008

Community Activities - contact details for local societies and organisations

Local Services - a growing list of local tradesmen / services

History - an extensive section covering local history (incl parish registers back to 1700)

Useful Info - various emergency numbers (electricity / water etc) + waste collection calendar

Ideas for improvement / general enquiries to:

webmaster@upwood.org

Prize Bingo at Upwood Primary School

There is a prize Bingo event held at Upwood Primary School, fortnightly on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The first date in December will be Tuesday 6th December. It is proving to be a great success and it would be great if we could get some more of you to come along and take part. Proceeds go to Upwood School PTA.

Ramsey and District Garden Club

The Garden Club is for anyone who is interested in gardens or plants. There is no need to be an expert gardener; most of us are in the class of interested rather than expert. We have talks and demonstrations on various subjects, organize visits to gardens and hold our annual show. We try to make the programme entertaining as well as informative.

The meetings are held at the Ramsey Community Centre on the third Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting in January was a talk by David Coop from Westland horticulture. He discussed the various elements of fertilisers and the ways to get the best performance from our plants. He also explained how various different composts are formulated for their specific purposes. He also told us about the attempts by Westland to replace peat in the garden composts. This involves the production of a fine fibre from specially grown trees and ensuring that the trees are replaced. The meeting on Monday 20 February will feature a talk about British Wild Orchids. The meeting on 19 March will be a talk on hanging baskets and container planting.

Perhaps the highlight of the year will be in October when we have a talk by Bunny Guinness who is a regular contributor to the BBC gardening programmes. The provisional title is "Gardening at Chelsea". On this occasion the meeting will be Thursday (18th). We will welcome non-member visitors to this and all of our meetings.

Our current subscription is £10.00 for the year. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 per meeting so why not come along and sample one before you decide if you would like to join?

For further details on the Club or our programme please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702; ian.gaunt@care4frec.net).

HOME TO HOME

Since the last newsletter went to press Home to Home members have enjoyed a screen printing evening, with Ricki Otis, in November and a Christmas party in the village Hall. Ricki is a great craft worker and everyone enjoyed printing their own seasonal design and a sociable “get together” We’re hoping she’ll pay another visit sometime in the future.

The next event is a film show on February 27th entitled “Shaw’s coach holidays”. 8pm in the Village Hall.

“Willow making” on March 26th Sandra Pearce will give a talk and demonstration about making a variety of items with woven willow. Same time and place. As will be “Supermarket Challenge” on April 30th.

Visitors are welcome at meetings for an entry fee of £2 to include refreshments. Call Frances on 01487 711411 for more details.

WEA UPWOOD

Our next course will start on Wednesday 1st February at 10am with Steven Wade-Jones and an 8 week course entitled ‘Novels into Films’. Each session will be 2 hours and the cost will be £48.00. The three novels discussed in the course are: The Pride of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark, pub 1961 (film 1969); The Hours by Michael Cunningham pub 1998 (film 2002) and Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton, pub 1920 (film 1993). Everyone welcome - just contact Liz Carter (Secretary) or Ian Gaunt (chairman) for more details or watch out for a poster in the villages.

A VERY SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Upwood and the Raveleys Village Fete with an Olympic theme is to be held in the Paddock, at the Cross Keys, Upwood on Saturday, 30th June 2012
Opening at 1.00pm until 4.00pm.
Come along and join in the fun.

If you are interested in organising a stall or helping in any way, please contact Andrew Peck on 01487 711372

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www.ramseywalledgarden.org/

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MAKE NEW FRIENDS

ENJOY A FAMILY ACTIVITY

BE PART OF A THRIVING COMMUNITY

ENJOY THE FRESH AIR

EXERCISE (BETTER THAN A GYM!)

RECYCLE

HAVE CHEAP FRESH ORGANIC FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

CHEAP SEEDS, CHEAP GARDEN SUNDRIES, COMPOST ETC

JOIN US

On Monday 5th March 2012 AT 6:30 P.M. in the Village Hall

AND DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ALLOTMENTS AND WHAT

THEY CAN DO FOR YOU.

GUEST SPEAKER KAREN KENNY

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ALLOTMENTS TO REAP THE BENEFITS IT'S FOR GARDENERS TOO!

COME AND BE PART OF A NEW AND THRIVING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group

This friendly group meets in the Upwood Village Hall at 7.45pm usually on the third Wednesday of alternate months. We have talks and visits that are related to local history and to history more widely. On the alternate months there is a meeting of the Archive Group that is trying to ensure that the history of the villages is recorded on the CCAN website. On November 16th, 28 members and visitors enjoyed a talk by Barry Williams on life in the Victorian Countryside whilst in January we held our annual dinner at the Cross Keys.

The next meeting will be on 21st March when we will hold the AGM and this will be followed by a talk entitled "Cromwell: a man from Huntingdonshire" by John Goldsmith. In May (16th) there will be a talk by Peter Hall on the history of Connington and the local area. Before this talk there will be a visit to Connington church.

We are trying to develop a time-line to demonstrate the history of the villages. The information that we have collected will be available at the meetings and if you have any further information that might be included please contact Judith Harvey (01487 710219; judithaharvey@yahoo.com).

UPWOOD ART GROUP

Hopefully the weather in 2012 will give us more warm, dry Saturday mornings than last year. Outings last year to paint outdoors were few and far between, although members who went on a weeks painting holiday in May were fortunate and the weather was fairly good. Our Christmas celebration at the Cross Keys was very well attended and the lunch was a great success. Our thanks to Jane and Kevin.

Regular sessions commence on Saturday February 4th. after the pantomime. Visitors and new members are always welcome and can "have-a-go" with materials available at no charge. Membership is inexpensive, light refreshments provided and advice and help too. We meet every Saturday at 10am at the Village Hall and "work" to 12 midday. UAG is a friendly group and members enjoy their art a lot.

This year there will be visits by a professional model, an outing to the Summer Exhibition, the Fitzwilliam Museum and various local places of interest, and in the summer two Open Days and later in the year an exhibition of the group's work. Other activities are planned as the season progresses.

Not too sure about joining? Think you can't draw? Paint? Call in one Saturday morning, meet the group, and see how enjoyable learning a new hobby can be.

Timeline:

Have you ever wondered when and what has happened in Upwood and the Raveleys? Did you know that in the 10th century a wooden church stood on the site of the present day St Peter's Church? Did you know that in 1944 a plane crashed in Upwood clipping Carlton House as it came down or that electricity first came to Upwood in 1949 or that the Wildlife Trust bought Lady's Wood in 1971 or that there was major flooding in 1998 or that?

The History and Archive group is trying to produce a 'Timeline' to show when and what has happened in our villages since the 10th century. From approximately 900AD onwards there is some documented detail but by the time you get to the 20th and 21st centuries a lot has happened but little has been tracked for the future. The Timeline is a way of recording current changes and combining them with known information from the past. When complete it will hopefully go on display in the Cross Keys, the church and the village hall.

Help is needed to add information and dates to the Timeline. If your house has had a change of use; if your house was rebuilt; if you have ancient date associated with your house; if you have anything that you think is worth recording please tell us.

You can either by contact:

Ian Gaunt (01487 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net) or

Judith Harvey (01487 710219, iudithaharvey@yahoo.com)

This is a history and Archive Group project but the information is for the village.

UPWOOD BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

For more information contact Julia Evans (evening group) or Maria Jackson (morning group) or Liz Carter on 01487 813008 (email: liz@backtracks.biz).

The Group Social event will be Wednesday evening, 8th February 2012 at the Cross Keys PH at 7.30 pm when everyone from both groups and anyone interested in joining the group is very welcome to join us for a social evening of book-orientated chat.

Upwood Village Hall

in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour
presents

Devious Minds

Thursday 16th February 7.30pm

Tickets £8.50 Concessions £7.50

Box Office - 01487 814114 / dougmcleod@hotmail.co.uk

Deviously funny and fiendishly clever mind-tricks from Dean Maudsley and Tim Shoemsmith, professional members of 'The Magic Circle'. Shoemsmith amuses with wit and slight-of-hand; Maudsley tells you it's a con from the start but by the end you'll believe he reads minds! This is a blend of comedy magic and cutting edge mind reading, created by two energetic and creative performers.

STAY AND PLAY

Free weekly drop in session ideally suited for children 0-5 years old.

Thursday 9.45 to 11.15

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

55 Plus Club

For more information about the club contact Chris on 01487 812327.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday	1 st February	WEA Course starts
Saturday	4 th February	Art Group starts spring session
Wednesday	8 th February	Book Lovers meeting
Thursday	16 th February	Devious Minds
Monday	20 th February	Garden Club Wild Orchids talk
Monday	27 th February	Home to Home "Holiday film show"
Monday	5 th March	Allotment and Leisure Gardening meeting
Wednesday	21 st March	History Group Cromwell talk
Monday	26 th March	Home to Home "Willow making" talk
Saturday	28 th April	Upwood Quiz Night in Village Hall
Wednesday	16 th May	History Group Connington talk & visit
Saturday	30 th June	Village Fete



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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



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District Councillor	Robin Howe	814393
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History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702
Home to Home	Frances Ashfield	711411
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Meet and Munch	Mags Dudley	812424
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Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
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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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