



# Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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## Newsletter News

After 10 years as editor David Paine has decided to retire and June 2012 will be his last edition.

The newsletter committee is actively looking for more help. So.....

***Have you ever wanted to have some input into village life?***

***Do you have a little bit of time that you can give to a good cause?***

***Do you like reading this newsletter and finding out about what is going on in Upwood and the Raveleys?***

***Do you think you could help to make this newsletter even better?***

If the answer to any or all of these questions is 'yes' please contact the new editorial team to find out more about how you can have some influence over its production, content and delivery at [upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk)

## The Cross Keys Golf Society

The Cross Keys Golf Society will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> outing of 2012 on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Thorney Lakes Golf Club. The entry sheet will be posted in The Cross Keys at the beginning of April. For further information, Malcolm Hudson can be contacted on 01840 779425.

## *A little note from Deana & Malcolm Hudson*

*We were very sorry that time didn't allow us to get to see all our friends and neighbours before we moved from the village just before Christmas, events slightly overtook us. We hope that you will all forgive us. We would like to say how much we enjoyed living in Upwood and will keep up to date with everything going on via the village excellent website. We will of course from time to time be popping back to join in various events and hope to see you then. We are hopefully set to enjoy many years of retirement building sandcastles and having cream teas here in Cornwall!!!*

## **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)

## **An Emergency Number that could be very useful.**

**Suddenly, wherever you are, you need the police very quickly. Just dial 112. They will immediately respond. If you wish to be transferred to another area's police, just ask. Otherwise say what you rang them for.**

## **55+**

We began the new year with afternoon tea at the home of Chris Bruce. A pleasant time was had by all- nice to catch up with friends. In February we were entertained with a slide show by Mr. Doody from The Wildlife Trust, talking mainly about Upwood, Raveley and Gamsey woods- there is to be an organised walk soon around all these woods and some members will be taking part. He was a very interesting speaker as most of us had never heard of Gamsey wood.! In March Mr. and Mrs. Evans visited us again with a marvellous film show they had put together of the Jurassic coast in Dorset. Once again we were enthralled by his photography of the flowers, fauna and, of course, by the rock formations and how they came into being as they are now. The next date for your diary is a Coffee Morning at 60, High Street on Friday 13th. April at 10.30 am. We have a very busy year ahead and if you are interested in becoming a member of this friendly club please ring Chris Bruce on 812327

## **Upwood & The Raveleys Village Hall**

**Have you ever wondered how your Village Hall manages to be there for you??**

Your Village Hall is managed by a handful of Upwood volunteers - the Village Hall Management Committee. Between us we look after everything from bookings to maintenance, cleaning to repairs as well as organising events and ensuring that the Hall is always available, presentable and welcoming.

**The Committee needs new members to help with the continued efficient running of this valuable village asset.**

**If you would like to join us, come along to the AGM or contact either Bob Child on 815475 or Stephen Howes on 813074**

**The VH AGM will be held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

## **MEET & MUNCH**

With Spring and Summer approaching Meet & Munch members look forward to afternoon tea in the Village Hall between **3.00pm to 4.30pm** on the following dates –

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.**

On **9<sup>th</sup> June 2012** please note we will revert to **1.00pm**, as we will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a special lunch.

Special thanks go to Betty Dolby, who after many years of loyal service to Meet & Munch, has decided to step down from the Helper's Rota. We do hope she will continue to come along to enjoy afternoon tea/lunch with us.

We are a 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 further information.

## Upwood Village Hall

*in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour*

presents

# *Spitfire Solo*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm**

It is June of the new Millennium. For 80 year-old Peter Walker, ex-Battle of Britain pilot, an unexpected new challenge is about to begin. From the comfort of the Silver Birches Retirement Home, he must once again find the resilience, determination and strength to do what must be done. As he re-lives past glories, losses, wartime experiences, family memories and the heady days of blue skies and battles, he searches for the answer to the biggest question so far!

Personal, charming, funny and inventive, "Spitfire Solo" is one man's battle for survival - the second time around. Blending theatre, music and film in this multi-layered and textured production, Nicholas Collett plays a multitude of characters and recreates the Battle of Britain - onstage!

A donation to Help For Heroes will be made from the proceeds of each performance. Suitable for over 12s.

Find out more on his website: [www.nicholascollett.com](http://www.nicholascollett.com)

**Box Office - open now - 01487 814114**

**Tickets £8.50 Concessions £7.50**

Licensed Bar

## **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](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz)).

## 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 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@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)).

# WEA



**Learning for Life**

## WEA UPWOOD BRANCH – Spring Update

Unfortunately the short Spring-term course on 'Novels into Film' had to be cancelled but the Summer course will run:

### **'Water Water Everywhere – History of the Fens'**

**Wednesday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm in the Village Hall.**

Tutor : Liz Carter.

The cost will be £42 for a 7-week course (2 hrs session) with a full-day field trip as the final session.

This popular course will look at the history and development of the Fenland area from 1600 up to modern day; examining maps and original records to chart the growth of the local communities, changing occupations and landscapes; and development of the drainage works. The destination for our field trip will be decided at the first session.

## **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**

### **St.Peter's Church**

1st April Palm Sunday Morning Prayer 9.30am  
8th April Easter Sunday 9.30am  
15th April "Open the Book" Family Service 9.30am  
22nd April Holy Communion 9.30am

The "walk of witnesses" will take place in Ramsey in the Rainbow surgery car park on Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Upwood St Peter's APCM will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April; this is an open meeting and all are welcome.

### **Abbots Ripton Garden Show 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July**

There will be a Gala Charities Evening on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and you are warmly invited to come and enjoy the night. To obtain a ticket you need to contact Nigel (Show director): [nigel@garden-shows.com](mailto:nigel@garden-shows.com)

or locally contact Anne-Marie: 01487 812195 [annemarie.upwood@virgin.net](mailto:annemarie.upwood@virgin.net)

This is a very fine evening with Champagne and canapés, a band playing and preview to all in the grounds

-from food fair to crafts, garden paradise to silent auction....- (check this site)  
I hope you can come!

<http://www.abbotsriptonhall.co.uk/Garden+Show+Programme+2012/Gala+Evening/>

## News from the Cross Keys

Easter weekend we have a special Sunday Lunch & we are open all day Easter Monday.

On 12th May we have another evening of live music with the Matt Strafford Duo, they were here on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March and it was a fabulous night. Then there is the Fete on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and the Party in The Paddock will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July this year to celebrate our tenth anniversary at the Cross Keys.

## Dates for your diary

Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Horticultural Society Garden Club
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> April	WEA "Water Water Everywhere course starts
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	"Spitfire Solo" in the Village Hall
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Quilting group meeting
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Village Hall AGM at 7.30</b>
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Upwood Quiz Night in Village Hall
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Home to Home meeting
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Meet & Munch in the Village Hall
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Matt Strafford Duo - live music at Cross Keys
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	History Group Connington talk & visit
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Keys Golf Society at Thorney Lakes Club
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Home to Home meeting
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Diamond Jubilee Meet & Munch at 1pm
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Abbotts Ripton Garden Show starts -til 1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Village Fete</b>
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet & Munch
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Party in the Paddock
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> August	Meet & Munch

## Upwood Quilting Group.

The early February meeting was cancelled because of the snow, but we met later in the month under new management. We are all working together and all have a say in what is happening. We planned for 2012 and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. The next meeting is on 24th April and if you are interested in finding out more please contact Caroline on 813455

## **Table Tennis Club**

February kicked off with some coaching provided by Dianne Guttridge from the St Neots TT Club. Those members attending had some individual coaching followed by group practice, and the hour passed very quickly. UTTC are repeating these coaching sessions for March and April, again using outside help.

The annual club dinner was enjoyed at The George, Ramsey by 46 members plus guests, and a disco later helped to dance the night away.

March sees our 4th Club Doubles Tournament, where pairs will be competing for the coveted "German" trophy. This year winners will also be presented with medals to keep.

For more info. re UTTC contact David Williams 01487 812923

## **UPWOOD ART GROUP**

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.

UAG meets on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12. Membership fees are minimal and materials are available for beginners to "try" at no charge.

UAG is a friendly, sociable group of folk who enjoy their art and one another's company. Drop in any Saturday and see what fun creating art can be, you'll be made very welcome!

## **HOME TO HOME**

Home to Home is a ladies group which meets on the last Monday of each month, usually in the Village Hall. During the year members enjoy a variety of talks and demonstrations, a barbecue and Christmas dinner and the occasional outing. On 30th April the speaker is a senior manager from a major supermarket chain and on 28th May there will be a demonstration of nail art, so quite a wide range of subjects. Visitors are welcome, new members may join at any time and fees are minimal. Need more information? Call 01487 711411





# Upwood Small to Tall

**EVERY WEEK DAY TERM TIME**

**Breakfast Club 8 – 9am**

**(Funded pre-schoolers and school aged children)**

**Pre-School Morning Session 9am – 12 Noon**

**Pre-School Lunch Session 12 Noon – 1.00pm**

**Pre-School Afternoon Session 1.00pm – 3.30pm**

**After School Club 3.30 – 6pm**

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## **Upwood and the Raveleys History Group**

In May (16<sup>th</sup>) 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 - 710219; [judithaharvey@yahoo.com](mailto:judithaharvey@yahoo.com)).



## Shopping Service

This service is for Cambridgeshire residents, aged over 60, who are unable to, or may have difficulty in doing their shopping. Many supermarkets now offer online shopping but unless you have a computer you cannot take advantage of this convenient service.

Phone your order to our Shopping Service and we will make all the arrangements, and arrange delivery to your home. There is no commitment to shop every week.

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**Enquires and orders can be taken from Monday-Friday between 9-12.30 on 01354 696650**

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

## **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

## **Upwood Panto Society: Cinderella**

A very warm welcome from the Front of House Team of Wendy Butson and Lynn Perkins. It was a packed house in this small village hall, with a proscenium arch that was only a bit bigger than some television screens I have seen, and so the spectacle that I was about to witness was completely unexpected.

This production was in the traditional style with all of the elements you would expect. The show started with a brief confident introduction by Isabel, the Chief Villager played by Charlotte Field, ably assisted by equally confident Chorus. I was a little unsure if a female Buttons played by Jen Hickman was going to work, but Jen absolutely proved me wrong. She did a fantastic job of engaging the audience with her boyish charms and cheeky attitude. Hannah Butson was a lovely Cinderella and sang beautifully. Amy-Marie Field and April Glasby gave good solid performances as Prince Charming and Dandini, while Geoff Dudley and Doug McLeod were hilarious as the Ugly Sisters, Asphyxia and Euthanasia. The four lads, as Situations Vacant, were also very funny. Stuart Jackson and Dee Smith displayed great comic timing as the weak-willed Baron and his malevolent new wife. The comedy duo of Ammer and Tongs were excellently played by Chris Richter and Jill Aylin with Carol Lavender giving a good performance as Major Domo. Beth Westcott and Gabrielle Harris-Clements, were both very good as the Old Lady and the Fairy Godmother.

This was an extremely well directed Pantomime by Barry Williams and Pauline McLeod with some brilliant costumes made by Jean Place, Margaret Carrington, Janet Philipp and Judith Harvey. The choreography by April Glasby, Jen Hickman and Pauline McLeod, was well considered and performed well by the whole ensemble. The musical direction by Doug McLeod and Neville Palmer, who also played keyboards, was an excellent mix of old and new tunes, recognised by both the younger and older members of the very enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The stars of the show were the extremely talented and dedicated backstage crew of Kym Bannister, John Hickman, Maggie Comber, Pauline McLeod and Grant Smith. The sets by Frances Ashfield and friends were beautiful and absolutely ingenious, on such a small stage. The transformation scene at the end of Act 1 was truly brilliant, all complemented with sound and light provided by Geoff Carrington and Steve Howes. A fantastic Pantomime, can't wait till next year's.

Don McKay NODA Regional Representative District 1

## **Olympic Celebrations at the Village Fete**

The preparations are well underway for this years Olympic themed Fete and the Olympic torch will be lit on Saturday 30th June 2012 between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm in the Paddock at The Cross Keys Pub, Upwood.

We want this fete to be a fun afternoon for everyone, so if you are interested in organising a stall, advertising your local group, donating prizes or helping in any way, please contact Andrew Peck on 01487 711372

## Who's who in the Villages

Art Group  
Book Lovers Group  
Brownies  
Community Bus Co-ordinator  
County Councillor  
Cricket Club  
Cross Keys Golf Society  
District Councillor  
Embroidery Group  
55+  
History Group  
Home to Home  
Horticultural Society  
Meet and Munch  
Parish Council inc. Allotments  
Ramsey Bridge Club  
Ramsey Choral Society  
Ramsey Rural Museum  
Speed Watch  
St. Peter's Church  
St. Peter's Handbells  
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)  
Sunday Club  
Table Tennis Club  
Upwood Business Association  
Upwood Quilters  
Upwood School PTA  
Upwood School Playgroup  
Upwood Pantomime Society  
Upwood and the Raveleys Community Archive  
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