



Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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David Paine

This, the sixtieth issue, is a landmark edition in two ways. Firstly, it aptly coincides with the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen and, secondly it marks the retirement of our founding Editor, David Paine.

In 2002, a group of us recognised a need for a community newsletter and together we formed a committee. We quickly determined that input from local groups was essential and, to our amazement, counted over thirty potential contributory organisations in the parish. Issue number one followed in September 2002, funded out of our own pockets, compiled on David's beloved MS Works, printed on a Risograph machine, collated on David's kitchen table and distributed by a dozen volunteers to five hundred homes in the parish.

Although we are a committee, from the start, David took the initiative, did the lion's share of the work, and we were happy to let him. Although, during the life of the newsletter, there have been a couple of abortive attempts to pass on the Editor's job, and Deputy Editor Deana Hudson has produced a handful of issues, David has done the donkey work on most of the sixty issues. Although he incurred outlay on paper, computer consumables, travel, telephone and postage, David has steadfastly refused to claim expenses.

Time has moved on, we now have the services of a very helpful local printer, Micromac, an income still dependant on generous donation, but bolstered by grants from the Parish Council and the Fete Committee as well as distribution fees for a small number of advertising flyers. David has decided to take a well-earned rest and we have appointed an editorial team to handle the work that he previously did, largely unaided.

Without David's expertise, enthusiasm and downright hard work, it is questionable whether the newsletter would have reached this landmark. So, from the Committee and the readership, thank you David.

Frances Ashfield, Doug McLeod, Geoff Carrington

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month in Upwood Village Hall at 7.30pm. unless that monday is a bank Holiday, when the meeting is a week later.

**Upwood & The Raveleys
Jubilee Garden Party
The Cross Keys Paddock
Monday 4th June from 1.00 p.m. onwards
Free ~ Free ~ Free ~ Free**

Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style at our very own Jubilee Garden Party.
Everyone welcome – all ages – bring your own food and drink

We will provide:

- BBQ food on sale
- Open bar
- Treasure hunt for the children
- Upwood's Got Talent – open mike (sing, play a musical instrument, tell jokes, read a poem or a story – all ages and abilities welcome – there will be no judges)
- Community sing along
- The Jubilee Celebration concert from Buckingham Palace
- Paper plates and Plastic Glasses

What you can provide:

- Food
- Drink
- Tables/chairs/rugs
- Games to entertain the children
- Gazebos

Thanks to Jane and Kevin for kindly giving us the use of their paddock
No ticket required – just turn up
For more information: Call 01487 711735

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

Non-emergency calls to the Police

FROM Sunday (April 1), Cambridgeshire police can only be contacted on 101 for all non-emergency calls.

The old 0345 number will be switched off and a recorded message will tell people to call 101.

For the first time, everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will know exactly how much it will cost them and it will be the same no matter what time of day or the duration of the call.

The change has been introduced so residents will have one, easy-to-remember way to contact local police, wherever they are.

The system has been designed to recognise where the caller is dialling from and connect them with the local police service.

If a caller does not want to speak to their local force they will be given the option to be connected to different one.

Ch Supt Hebb said: "People should continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed, for example if a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger."

Photos wanted - by the Newsletter Editors

Please send your photos of any village event including the Olympic Fete and Diamond Jubilee celebrations to: upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk for inclusion in the August edition.

Ramsey and District Garden Club

The Garden Club is for everyone 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 April was a fascinating talk by Kathy Brown on the development of her large garden from a donkey paddock. It is fair to say that we were all inspired as well as daunted by the magnitude of the task that she undertook. Now the garden is outstanding. The talk in May was on Colour in the Garden by Andrew Sankey.

We had an evening visit to Delfland nursery at Doddington. It was amazing to see how they sow and rear literally millions of plants. We also made a day visit to Hidcote Manor Garden. This is a classic 'Arts and Crafts' garden that has inspired many of the ideas that are still used in garden design. The weather in mid May was not kind to us but those members and friends who made the trip enjoyed the day.

Our Show will be held at the Ramsey Rural Museum on 21st July. This is open to everyone and we welcome entries from non-members. The schedules for the show are available and can be obtained from Ian Gaunt.

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 a meeting 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).

Dates for your diary

Sunday	3 rd June	Harden Club Plant Sale at Rural Museum
Monday	4 th June	Jubilee garden Party in Cross Keys Paddock
Saturday	9 th June	Special Diamond Jubilee Meet & Munch at 1pm
Tuesday	12 th June	55+ Annual Flower Competition
Wednesday	20 th June	History Group visit to King's Lynn
Saturday	23 rd June	Rainbow pathfinder Walk
Saturday	23 rd June	Film Night in the Village Hall
Tuesday	26 th June	Quilting group meeting.
Friday	29 th June	Abbots Ripton Garden Show starts -til 1 st July
Saturday	30th June	Village Fete
Saturday	7 th July	Upwood School Olympic Summer Fayre
Saturday	7 th July	"How to Look at Art" course in Village Hall
Thursday	12 th July	Panto Auditions in Village Hall
Saturday	14 th July	Meet & Munch
Sunday	15 th July	Olympic Quest event
Wednesday	18 th July	History Group talk on Fen Skating
Saturday	21 st July	Garden Club Annual Show at Rural Museum
Saturday	28 th July	Party in the Paddock
Saturday	4 th August	Meet & Munch
Tuesday	14 th August	55+ Coach Trip to Somerleyton Hall
Saturday	18 th August	1940s Weekend The Camp, Wood Lane, Ramsey
Sunday	19 th August	1940s Weekend The Camp, Wood Lane, Ramsey

Before I go.....

I would like to thank all those who contribute items for this newsletter, without your input there would not have been a newsletter.

I would also like to thank Val, Joyce, Julie, Frances, Paul, Geoff, Robert, Graham, Jack and Emily for delivering the newsletter through your letter-box six times a year

Thank you

David Paine, Retiring Editor

55+ Coach Trip

Upwood 55 Plus Group will be having a coach trip to Somerleyton Hall, near Lowestoft, on Tuesday 14th August 2012.

The coach will leave Upwood at 9.00 am and is expected to return at approximately 4.30 pm.

The cost for Members of 55 Plus is £18.00 per person and for non-members, £20.00

Somerleyton Hall is a very beautiful Grade II* listed stately home and has 12 acres of formal gardens including one of the finest yew hedge mazes in Britain. The cost of the trip includes a tour of the house.

For further details, or to book a place, please contact Margaret Carrington (01487812925) or Chris Bruce (01487 812327)

Upwood Pantomime Society

Panto 2013 Auditions

for Chorus and Main Characters

on Thursday 12th July at Upwood Village Hall

6.15 Chorus Auditions

7.15 Main Characters Auditions

Full information, including cast list & audition scripts, will be available shortly to download from the pantomime pages of the village website: www.upwood.org

For further information please contact:
Doug McLeod (Producer): 01487 814114

HOME TO HOME

Each year the committee arrange a variety of talks, demonstrations and social events, once a month on a Monday evening. During this year members have enjoyed a quiz night, an illustrated talk about Cromwell, managing a London supermarket, willow weaving and tried screen printing among the subjects. Visitors are welcome at events and pay a minimal fee, membership is only £10 a year. Now more than 30 years old, Home to Home is a friendly, sociable group of ladies who enjoy one another's company. Interested? Then call 711411 for details of forthcoming events.

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).

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 –

14th July 2012,

4th August 2012,

1st September 2012.

On **9th 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.

Contact Mags Dudley 812424 or Jean Place 813742 for further information.

Improvement to Broadband

The new Connecting Cambridgeshire website to register for improved Broadband has gone live. Now we need as many people as possible to click on the link <http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk> to show their demand for better broadband. You can register in minutes with just a postcode and landline phone number to show where you want better broadband - at home and at work. People without access to the internet can register online or on paper forms available in libraries, council offices and other public places in the next few days. The more people that register that they want superfast (or even any) broadband the more chance of it being delivered."



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
(Funded pre-schoolers and school aged children)



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or EMAIL upwoodsmalltotall@btinternet.com

St Peter's Open Doors project

St Peter's Church is in the centre of the village and we would like it to serve everyone in Upwood and the Raveleys in their every-day lives.

We would like to have your thoughts and ideas on what activities or facilities could be provided in the building for the benefit of the community. By supporting this survey we might have a better chance of securing a grant for improved facilities in the Church such as toilets and running water.

We want to ensure that as many people in Upwood and the Raveleys have the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile project. To achieve this we will try to visit all the local residents, but just in case we have missed you, please send your thoughts/ideas to Howard Smith email: hjnsuk@gmail.com.

Upwood Quilting Group.

The group met in March and April and continued with their individual projects. With the help of Margaret a new member went home very proud with a completed cushion cover. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th. June. Margaret has arranged a trip to Threads and Patches in Fenny Stratford for the 30th. October. They will show us what they have in the shop and will give us several demonstrations on patchwork and quilting, knitting, beadwork etc. and they will also provide us with drinks and lunch. We will then be free to spend in the shop! More info call Caroline on 813455

LATE NEWS AND ADVICE

On 22nd May it was reported that a home in Bentley Close was broken into and property stolen. A red Mazda was reported as being seen in the area. A timely reminder to ensure that your home is secure before you leave. If you see a vehicle that seems suspicious note the registration number and call the police.

Upwood and The Raveleys Olympic Village Fete

The preparations are well underway for the Upwood and The Raveleys Olympic Themed Village Fete to be held on Saturday 30th June 2012 at 1.00 pm until 4.30 pm in the Cross Keys Pub paddock. We want this to be a really fun afternoon and are looking for volunteers to help share the load.

If you have some spare time during the day we would appreciate help with either setting up in the morning, manning a stall, assisting during the afternoon or helping to clear up in the evening. We are also in need of tombola prizes, cakes and home made produce.

If you are able to offer your time, have any items for the tombola or can provide cakes and home made produce please contact Andrew Peck on 01487 711372 or Anne Neal on 01487 814021. Items can be delivered to the Cross Keys on the evening of Friday 29th June 2012 if you prefer or brought along on the day.

We are anticipating a fun filled afternoon and looking forward to you joining us.

Table Tennis Club

UTTC Doubles champions for 2012 are Jez Bangs and Arthur Lothian who beat Mark Custerson and Jack Holloway in a hotly contested competition. The winners received the Doubles Cup and prizes donated by Tesco Ramsey. The event was our best run tournament so far, largely due to the outside help given by Paul Evans who kept the scores and organised the order of play. Thanks again to Paul.

The club will be holding their AGM in June during a Tuesday club evening (TBD).

Due to recent large attendances on club nights a new start time of 7pm is currently being tried to allow more games to be played during the evening.

We will be having a games stall at the summer Village Fete.

Anyone wanting to know more about our Table Tennis Club should contact David Williams 01487 812923

Ramsey Arts Festival events 2012

Dates for your diary:

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| June 1 st | An illustrated talk on 'Art in The Fens' by Carry Ackroyd in Bury Church hall, 7 pm for 7:30 pm. Tickets £5 available from 'School Plus or at the door. |
| June 22 nd | The Poetry evening, 'XIV Lines - a sequence of sonnets' in Bury village Hall. It will be an insight into some of our finest poetry and a chance for YOU to participate. |
| June 23 rd | A Film Night in Upwood Village Hall doors open at 6:30 pm. A great double bill featuring 'Memories from the Fen' a Great Fen film produced in association with Abbey College and the main feature 'My week with Marilyn', The bar and refreshments are available from 6:30 to 7 pm and again from 7:30 until 8 pm |
| July 1 st | A musical soiree 'Classics on a Summer's Eve' at Holy Cross church, Bury. The concert begins at 7 pm. Tickets at £10 or £5 for accompanied young people are available from School Plus. A glass of wine and a strawberry tart is included in the price. A miscellany of music by Mozart, Faure, Handel, Bach, Albeniz and Gershwin brought to us by Fenharmonic and including, mezzo soprano, Natalie Davis |
| July 5 th | Schools Concert at Abbey College |
| July 8 th | Ramsey Storytellers tell 'The Children of Lir' an Irish fantastical legend at Ramsey library beginning at 7 pm. Tickets at £4 or £3 for concessions are available from 'School Plus' or Louise Douglas on 815202. In the old Celtic tradition of dark magic, telling of misfortune and eventual redemption. |

The Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

This popular annual event takes place on Sunday 3rd June at the Ramsey Rural Museum. Opens 11 am and closes at 5pm. All garden lovers welcome.

UPWOOD ART GROUP

This year the number of members wishing to go on the painting holiday in Norfolk increased and meant two rented houses not one. Jackie Owens, one of the very first members, will be joining us all the way from Saudi Arabia. Hopefully there'll be lots of artwork made for the exhibition later in the year. UAG is an unusual group of folk who love painting, drawing and a wide range of picture making, enjoy one another's company and produce some terrific works. Saturday mornings are fun. Newcomers are made very welcome and help and tuition is available when needed. See the UAG stand at the Upwood and Raveleys Fete and meet some of the members, you may be tempted to come along one Saturday morning and have a go!

The group would like to thank David Paine, retiring editor. The newsletter has played a major part in the growth of interest in the Upwood Art Group. Thanks David.

St. Peter's Church Services

3 rd June	No Service in Upwood / Diamond Jubilee Service in Ramsey Thomas a Becket, 10am
10 th June	Holy Communion, 9.30am
17 th June	"Open the Book" Family Service, 9.30am
24 th June	Holy Communion, 9.30am
1 st July	No Service in Upwood / Abbots Ripton Garden Show – Service in the rose garden, 10.30am

Alzheimer's Society and Huntingdonshire Dementia Information

Recently there has been increasing media attention aimed at both sufferers and their carers with emphasis on not only the need for research but also the dissemination of information that is available.

The Alzheimer's Society's local branch in Peterborough is publicising the help that it provides which is freely available. The point of contact is by telephoning 01733 893853 or e-mailing huntingdon@alzheimers.org.uk They also have an information point on 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.30am-12.30pm in the Rainbow Surgery Ramsey.

If more information is required then contact Davina Hogben at the local office of the society by telephoning the number above or e-mailing davina.hogben@alzheimers.org.uk

UPWOOD AND RAVELEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports from as early as the 12th Century, and this maritime past is still very much in evidence today. Fine old merchants' houses stretch down to the river between cobbled lanes and the elegant Custom House overlooks the original medieval harbour. Discover more of **King's Lynn** rich and fascinating history as we join experienced Town Guides on a guided walk on **Wednesday 20th June 2012**, meeting for coffee/tea (not included in the tour cost) at the **Green Quay Café, South Quay, King's Lynn PE30 5DT at 10.30am**. The walk will commence at 11.00am and takes up to two hours, leaving you free time in the afternoon for lunch or to retrace your steps to take a closer look at the points of interest. Own transport, a long stay car park is situated at Boal Street, close to the South Quay.

If you wish to join us, the charge is **£4.00 per person** for the tour (coffee/tea will be booked for you, but paid for individually direct to the cafe on the day).

To book your place, please contact **Mags Dudley, 12 Helens Close, Upwood, Ramsey, Cambs PE26 2QN - 01487 812424 - g.dudley235btinternet.com**, together with your payment of **£4.00** either in cash or cheque payable to **Upwood and Raveley Local History Group** by **Monday 4th June 2012**. Please advise if you are willing to share transport.

UPWOOD SCHOOL OLYMPIC SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 7th July, 12pm start, ending with a closing ceremony at 2pm

This year we are having an Olympic theme with lots of great events.

Pony Rides
Sports Races
Obstacle course
BBQ
Tombola
Horse Jumping, on foot
Raffle

Please come along and join in the fun!

Abbots Ripton Garden Show - 29th & 30th June and 1st July

There will be a Gala Charities Evening on Friday 29th June and you are warmly invited to come and enjoy the night. To obtain a ticket contact Nigel (show director): nigel@garden-shows.com or locally, contact Anne-Marie: 01487 812195 annemarie.upwood@virgin.net This is a very fine evening with Champagne and canapés, the Parachute Regiment band playing and access to the gardens.

On Saturday and Sunday, activities will include; an Indoor Food Fair, 80+ Trade stalls, silent auction, brass bands, activities for children, access to the beautiful gardens and much more. Tickets available on the gate - £8 adults – under 15s free. For more information go to:

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

After enjoying the Upwood Fete on 30th June there will still be time to come and experience the Garden Show.

Olympic Quest Sunday 15th July 12pm to 4pm –

An all-age fun afternoon social of timed challenges and games, set in various locations around Upwood.

Not to be missed!!

A fun afternoon and great enjoyment for all ages – families welcome. Come to the village hall, either on your own or make up a team of (4 or 5 max) and you will be receive instructions for this exciting Olympic themed Quest. On completion of the Quest, return to the village hall for Olympic medal award ceremony, cream teas with strawberries, and other refreshments.

This event is organized by Emilie and Anne-Marie Cracknell on behalf of the Church for everyone in the community. Pen & paper will be provided. Each station where the challenges stand will be under cover if it's rain.

"The Olympic rings have been hidden around Upwood and it is up to your team to complete the challenges and solve the quest"

The Quest can be undertaken on foot, bicycle or by car (if you must). For any further information please contact annemarie.upwood@virgin.net or ring 01487 812195

Job Exchange Noticeboard in St Peter's Church:

We have launched this new initiative in May during the Craft Fair held in the Church on 19th May. It is hoped that this new idea will help the local community and, in particular, the young people in these difficult economic times. Our Church is open daily during the day-time and it is a very peaceful and private place to view the adverts.

A notice board to display services that people are willing to provide has been up on Saturday 19th May. This can be found inside the Church - near the entrance. The board will be used to advertise casual or Saturday jobs for students or adults. To advertise your services or if you have a job to fill, all you need to do is place a card (about the size of a business card) on the board. Typical services that could be offered are: Tutor, i.e. music, language etc, babysitting, dog walking, gardening, cleaning or any other skill or expertise. You don't need to live in Upwood to advertise and if you know anyone who is in need please pass on this information.

This is by no means a way of finding a full time job but rather a way of helping people to get by or to start in self employment.

Please come in to St Peter's Church any time after 19th May and view the job exchange board if you need help or assistance. A quick look at the board may remind you of some jobs that you need doing and you would be supporting the local community by using the services advertised.

Also, in the future, if you have any success, any feedback would be appreciated by posting it on to help blossom this new venture.

NEWS FROM THE CROSS KEYS

The Fete on Saturday 30th June, and the Party in The Paddock will be on Saturday 28th July this year to celebrate our tenth anniversary at the Cross Keys.

More info - please contact Ian Gaunt on 710702; ian.gaunt@care4tree.net).
New members are welcome as are visitors to individual meetings.

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

The meeting on 18th July will be a talk by Bob Burn-Murdoch on "the golden Age of
Fen Skating". Bob, who is the curator of the Norris Museum in St. Ives, is known to
A trip to Kings Lynn for a heritage walking tour is being organised for 20th June.

was mind boggling. Despite this the secret was kept until the 1980's.
to pack and dispatch containers carrying all of the materials required by the resistance
cells in Europe. The amounts of material handled and the number of soldiers involved
grounds near Conington were used in the closing months of the Second World War
Conington and Local Area". We were surprised to learn that a large house and it's
On 16th May members were fascinated by a talk given by Peter Hall on "History of
history and to history more widely.

Wednesday of alternate months. We have talks and visits that are related to local
This friendly group meets in the Upwood Village Hall at 7.45pm on the third

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group

We were entertained in April by Mrs Pam Tuplin, who, with her husband ran a nursery
in Sawtry for many years. They decided to retire when they suddenly realised that
they were not always so enthusiastic giving advice to customers late in the day as
they had been in the morning! She was very knowledgeable about plants and tested
us with a quiz. A very nice lady and we all enjoyed her talk. Chrits held a coffee
morning at her home which was very successful and enjoyed by all. We were fortunate
to have some money left to us by a late member, Betty Bowman and had a trip to
Dobbies Garden Centre in Peterborough and enjoyed a pre-booked lunch. We thought
about Betty and gave thanks to her for her generosity. We then looked around the
store before returning to Upwood. The next meeting on the 12th June will be the
annual flower competition. In the future we have a Strawberry Tea on the 24th June,
hopefully in the garden of Josie and Ian Gaunt. Tickets are now available at a cost of
£3.00. A trip to Somerleyton Hall is arranged for 14th August. The cost to non-
members will be £20.00. Another coffee morning has been arranged for September
6th, venue to be decided. For any enquiries please ring Chrits Bruce on 812327.

55+ GROUP.

A splendid result

"The 21st Upwood Quiz took place on Saturday 28th April in Upwood
Village Hall. Twenty teams of four took part with some good scores
achieved.

Ticket sales, a well-run bar, generously supported raffle, together
with a donation brought the clear profit to exactly £1,000.00 in aid
of St Peter's Church.

Thank you to everyone that supported the quiz. We hope to have
another quiz in the autumn, so watch this space"

UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Upwood & Raveleys Community Allotment
Association was officially formed in March, with
the group joining the National Society of
Allotment & Leisure Gardeners (NSALG). The
Community Allotments Association represents
allotment holders at both Upwood and Gt.
Raveley and welcomes new members.

We have some vacant plots available to rent this season and also plan to
offer some smaller size plots. So, if you are interested, do get in touch
with the Parish Clerk, Tess Rogers, or the Association's Secretary, Liz
Carter. We are a Community Allotment Association so if you are a small
group in the area and would like a small plot for your group – get in touch
and we can discuss possibilities. If you are not sure what taking on an
allotment would involve and would like to visit the plot and talk things
through, just get in touch and we can help you.

Contacts:

Chairperson Ali Miles amiles@gotadsl.co.uk or tel. 01487 710548;

Treasurer Carl Dowdell;

Secretary Liz Carter – liz@backtracks.biz or tel. 01487 813008



Course fee £16 – free places available for certain concessions – do ask for details.
Lunch NOT included but tea/coffee will be available.
For more information or to book a place in this very popular class, see
Frances Ashfield or contact the Secretary – Liz Carter on 813008 or
email: liz@backtracks.biz
Workers' Educational Association: Upwood Branch: Secretary: Liz Carter
Address: 11 Church Lane, UPWOOD, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 2QF Tel:
813008 Email: wea@backtracks.biz www.wea.org.uk/eastern

The course will show how to look at art from the Renaissance to the
present day. It will begin with a gaze at the Renaissance rules of
perspective and how through the ages artists both complied with
and broke these rules in order to be creative. Students will discover
how Modernism was conceived through artists like Manet who
helped to change art to comply with the ever changing conditions of
society. The basic rules of how to look at art will become clear and
will enhance the student's understanding of the subject.

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 7th July : 10 am – 4 pm

Tutor – Michael Baldry

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To Patients of the Rainbow Surgery in Ramsey

If you are a patient of the Rainbow Surgery in Ramsey you will probably
appreciate the difficulty of getting wheelchairs and pushchairs through
the existing entrance doors.

The committee of the Rainbow Surgery Patients Group has decided to
raise funds that will go towards some automatic double doors for the
entrance to their surgery in Ramsey. With this in mind one of our members
will be taking part in the Pathfinder March on the 23rd June this year.
This is a 46 mile circular walk on the Pathfinder Way and must be
completed in one day! The committee is hoping that patients of the
Rainbow surgery and local businesses will sponsor this intrepid walker
and hence raise money for this good cause. The surgery building is not
owned by the NHS and as such has no responsibilities for the
improvements we are hoping to make. So next time you are in Ramsey
please call into the Surgery and leave a donation at the reception desk.
The surgery opening hours are 8.30 a.m till 6.00 p.m every weekday.
Reception is closed for lunch between 12.30 and 1.30pm (2.30p.m on
Tuesdays).

Performing Arts @ UVH - Season 2011/2012

This has been another excellent season of varied and high quality
entertainment at Upwood Village Hall. In the September there was the
welcome return of **Keith Pearson's Coup De Grass** followed by Limbik
Theatre's atmospheric and riveting production of **Ghost Town** in
October and **Mervyn Stutter's** hilarious Christmas show. In February
magician Tim Shoemsmith and mind reader Dean Maudsley, collectively
known as **Devious Minds**, held a packed audience spellbound with
their brilliant trickery. The season concluded on April 21st with **Spitfire
Solo**, a truly outstanding one-man play, performed by Nick Collett. We
are deeply indebted to Arts in Cambs on Tour, [act], through which we
are able to book such great professional artists at a subsidised rate.
The next season will begin in the autumn. Please check this newsletter
or the village website (www.upwood.org) for future performing arts
events at UVH. To be added to the email distribution list for such events
please contact Doug McLeod: dougmcleod@hotmail.co.uk