



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
30 Nov	Fri	Opera Dudes – Licensed to Trill	7.45pm	Village Hall (Doug 814114)
1 Dec	Sat	Steak & Kidney Pudding Night	Eve	Cross Keys 813384
1 Dec	Sat	Meet and Munch	1:00pm	Village Hall (Mags 812424)
2 Dec	Sun	Morning Prayer Service	9.30am	St Peter's Church
3 Dec	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall
3 Dec	Mon	Panto Box Office Opens	6.30pm	Doug 814114
4 Dec	Tues	Christmas menu starts at Cross Keys		Kevin 813384
5 Dec	Wed	Great Fen local Christmas Walk	10.00am	Adrian Kempster 07983 850886
7 Dec	Fri	Great Fen local group talk	7.30pm	710420
9 Dec	Sun	Service of the Word	9.30am	St Peter's Church
11 Dec	Tues	Upwood Carol Singing	6.30pm	Outside Cross Keys
15 Dec	Sat	Curfew Christmas Party	8.00pm	Village Hall (Tim 711993)
15 Dec	Sat	Christmas Tree Festival:	10 – 5.00	St Peter's Church – Anne Marie (812195)
16 Dec	Sun	"Open the Book" Family Nativity Service	9.30am	St Peter's Church
23 Dec	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's Church
24 Dec	Mon	Christmas Eve Service	6.30pm	Thomas a Becket Church – Ramsey (813271)
25 Dec	Tues	Short Morning Prayer Service	9.30am	St Peter's Church
26 Dec	Wed	Boxing Day Special – Cross Keys	12 – 2.00	Kevin 813384
30 Dec	Sun	Service of the Word	9.30am	St Peter's Church
31 Dec	Mon	New Year's Eve Party, Cross Keys		Kevin 813384
6 Jan	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's Church
7 Jan	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall
8 Jan	Tues	Evening Book Lovers' Group	7.30pm	Cross Keys
9 Jan	Wed	Morning Book Lovers' Group	10.30am	Cross Keys
13 Jan	Sun	Holy Communion or Service of the Word	9.30am	St Peter's Church
16 Jan	Wed	Great Fen local group walk	10.00am	Adrian Kempster 07983 850886
20 Jan	Sun	"Open the Book" Family Service	9.30am	St Peter's Church
27 Jan	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's Church
27 Jan	Sun	Panto Dress Rehearsal	2.30pm	Doug 814114
30 Jan	Wed	Panto Performances start	7.30pm	Doug 814114
Future Events				
4 Feb	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	Village Hall
22 Feb	Fri	Chris & Kellie While	7.45pm	Village Hall (Doug 814114)

Deadline for the February Issue is the 15th January, 2013

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLERK: The Parish Council was very pleased to welcome Claire Tunnicliffe to her first meeting as Parish Clerk on the 5th November and looks forward to working with her.

PARISH BUDGET: We are proposing to increase the Parish budget from around £17,000 to around £21,000 per year from next April. Provision is being made for more frequent grass and hedge cutting and for maintenance and improvement of parish amenities. In addition the Parish must begin to rebuild its reserves depleted by recent events. Please attend the next PC meeting to listen to the Budget debate and feel free to contact the Clerk or Chair with your views.

PARISH PLAN: The presentation by Mike Barnes of ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) in October explained that a Parish Plan should provide a vision for the community for the next five years and beyond. The first task would be to devise a questionnaire which would provide the formulation of a plan. The Parish Council has agreed to apply for membership to ACRE so that our community will be able to access the help of ACRE in developing the plan. It is intended to involve the whole community and requires a steering group of at least 6 people including two Councillors. Those interested in joining this group are asked to contact the Parish Council.

GRASS AND HEDGE CUTTING: All hedges and grassed areas have now been identified and a new cutting contract will go out for tender for a 2-3 year term starting from April 2013

PLAYING FIELD: After due consideration it was decided for health and safety reasons that no dogs should be allowed on the playing field. Two new signposts are to be erected, one on the corner of Ailwine Road and the High Street and the other at the approach to the playing field from Ailwine Road. More effective grass cutting is to be discussed in time for next spring.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 3rd DECEMBER. 7.00PM All welcome. Remember to check the agenda displayed in the village and notify the Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting if you wish to speak.

BUS TIMETABLE CHANGE

Whippet Route 22 St Ives – Pidley – Warboys – Ramsey.

Following the recent withdrawal of Stagecoach 21 the Saturday timetable has been revised to include journeys between Somersham, Colne, Earith, Bluntisham, Needingworth and St Ives. No change to Monday to Friday timetable.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

This group meets in Upwood Village Hall at 7.45 on the third Wednesday of every second month (March, May, July, September and November in 2013).

Our meeting in November 2012 was a talk by Fiona Lucraft on 'Dining at Christmas through the ages'. There is no meeting in January as the hall is in use for the pantomime but the March (20th) meeting will be the group AGM followed by a talk by Stuart Orme of the Peterborough Museum. The title of his talk is 'Not Just Old Stuff in Glass Cases'.

This talk will be followed on 10th April by a visit to the Museum that has recently undergone a massive redevelopment.

The cost of membership is £10 per year and visitors are always welcome. For further details please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702 ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

55+

In October we were entertained by one of our regular entertainers. Mr Ernie Hall showed us some wonderful slides of Peterborough and the area surrounding the city. The Ramsey WI Drama group performed a pantomime for us which made us laugh for the ridiculous scenarios they invented! Names were taken for the Christmas lunch at the Cross Keys which is an event we all look forward to. We currently have a waiting list for new members. If you require further information regarding the club please ring Chris Bruce on 812327.

UPWOOD TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The winners of the Ladies and Gents singles competitions were Brenda Manning (third time) and Mark Custerton (first time). In both finals the matches went to the "wire" with games scores of 3-2. The atmosphere in the halls for each tournament was tremendous, helped by the many spectators who turned up for both events. Winners were presented with a trophy and both winners and runners up received prizes via Tesco, Ramsey and medallions to keep.

A special thank you was made to Paul Evans who adjudicated for both evenings. The club will have their Christmas (Themed) Party during one club evening in December and some sessions of coaching are planned for early in the New Year. For more information about the club contact David Williams 01487 81292.

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Ofsted Inspection. Inspectors visited Upwood Primary School in October. The report reflects the hard work and commitment of all pupils, staff, parents/carers and governors. The 'Behaviour and Safety of Pupils' was graded as 'Outstanding' with all other areas judged as 'Good' including 'Overall Effectiveness.' The children and staff celebrated the outcome of the inspection with class parties, which were enjoyed by all. The full report will be available online shortly.

Harvest Year 5 visited Manor House on Monday 1st October to hand over the harvest donations. Thank you to all families who sent in a donation, they were very much appreciated by the residents.

PTA News The children and staff would like to thank Mrs Crawford for all her hard efforts as Chair of PTA. She has stepped down from the role after many years, and the school celebrated her time as Chair in a special assembly on Monday 8th October. Mrs Howell has been elected as the new Chair of PTA and we look forward to working with her.

Charities Marie Curie Cancer Care is a charity very close to the hearts of Upwood Primary School staff, including long standing staff member, Mrs Gloria Cusack who sadly died at the beginning of this year. We have begun to fundraise for the charity by creating a reflective area in our school grounds. The area will contain a bench surrounded by a garden area, planted with a variety of bulbs, designed to flower throughout the year including the daffodil, one of the emblems of Marie Curie. The children have been given the opportunity to purchase and plant a daffodil bulb in the garden area.

All the children have enjoyed the first half term of the academic year and look forward to preparing for Christmas in the coming weeks.

UPWOOD SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 8th December, 12 - 2pm

Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Christmas Gifts, Games

Refreshments: Hot Dogs and Turkey Rolls, plus a Vegetarian option. Mulled Cranberry Juice, Mince Pies, Hot and Cold Beverages, plus a selection of cakes

Grand Christmas Raffle

Tickets to family attractions, xmas tree, £10 next voucher, fruit parcels,

Dermalogica gift pack, children's board games and much more!

Please come along and join in the fun!

ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Christmas Tree Festival in Upwood Church will be on Saturday 15th December from 10-5pm. If you would like to exhibit your own Christmas tree or wreath in your very own personal way, you can join the fun. You can be as imaginative as you want to be with only a 6ft height limit and you can use artificial trees and battery lights if you wish. There will be a children prize and certificate for best decorated tree or wreath at the end of the festival. As for adults, a certificate will be issued for the best voted tree/ wreath and will be announced at the end of the day. The trees can stay on Sunday and there will be no rush to collect them during the week.
Contact: Anne-Marie (812195) annemarie.upwood@virgin.net.

Job Exchange Noticeboard in St Peter's Church: There is a notice board by the entrance of the Church for everyone in the community to use (Created to advertise your services or a job to fill). This is a way of helping people to get by or to start in self employment. The Church is open daily during the day-time to view the adverts. Please come into the Church any time and view the job exchange board. You might find what you need as 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. Someone has already found a little job through this service and wants to thank the Church for giving them the opportunity. Any feedback would be appreciated by posting it on the board.

The Handbells Group will be playing at several different venues.

Tesco - 8th December - in the morning

Huntingdon Leisure Centre 8th December - in the afternoon

Wistow - the Three Horseshoes - 19th December - 7pm (in aid of cancer research)

Upwood - St Peter's Church - Christmas tree festival - 15th December 2pm – 5pm

If anyone wants to join the team or if you want the Handbells to play for you don't hesitate to contact Deanna Phillips (824755).

The Alpha Course is one of the most successful presentations of the Christian Faith for many decades. The Course presents an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. It is relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. It is a place where people can come and ask questions, delve into issues and look for answers together. For the first time, the Course will be run in Upwood Village Hall on Sunday Evenings commencing 3rd February, 2013 with an introductory Alpha Supper. For further information please contact the **Alpha Administrator, Gordon Slinn – 815951**

MEET & MUNCH

Members will meet for Lunch 1.00 pm in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December 2012. Please note we will **not** meet in **January and February 2013**, as the Village Hall is unavailable.

We are a friendly group who get together to “Meet & Munch” and all Upwood and The Raveleys residents aged 55+ are very welcome. Please contact Mags 812424 or Jean 813742 for further information.

UPWOOD QUILTERS

Members enjoyed the day at Threads and Patches on the 30th October and were given several demonstrations involving new techniques. They enjoyed the prepared lunch and plenty of coffee. The meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. For any information please ring Margaret on 814031.

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

A new heating system has just been installed in the village hall which it is hoped will vastly improve the level of comfort for users during the winter months.

Upwood Pantomime Society
presents



ALADDIN



Wed 30th Jan, Thurs 31st Jan, Fri 1st Feb at 7.30pm
Sat 2nd Feb at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Box Office (01487 814114) opens on Mon 3rd December at 6.30pm
Tickets: Adult £9.50 Child £7.00

**Tickets also available for Dress Rehearsal Preview Performance on
Sunday 27th Jan @ 2.30pm (Adult: £6 / Child: £4)**

POSTMAN PETE



Christmas is coming and a postie's work load increases dramatically so it is a good opportunity to feature a well-loved member of the village team and to thank Postman Pete. Since the late 1990s he has delivered to Upwood; including his own special deliveries of pet treats, all pre-packed in film canisters the night before to save time.

Over the past year our local postal service has undergone changes. Since March the post has come from Huntingdon and Pete, postie for 'Round 14', no longer cycles from Ramsey but arrives in a van from Huntingdon with Michela whose round links to Pete's. Their working day begins at 5.30am. With the changes Pete's round has not only increased significantly in size, now starting at Biggin Lane corner and coming down to Upwood via the Bury estates, but also includes special deliveries and large parcels. This will be the first Christmas with bigger parcels being part of standard post so things may be a squash in the tiny van.

Pete knows the names and faces of nearly everyone in Upwood and can deliver poorly addressed mail correctly, even managing to decipher High Street, 'southend' Ramsey as Upwood. When Pete took over Marlene's Upwood round he just followed her caring traditions of looking out for anyone feeling down, ill, lonely or disabled. Caring is part of Pete's strong Christian philosophy; even with tight schedules Pete still aims to welcome new arrivals and help when and where he can. In 2007 Pete won the eastern region community award and represented the region in the final. Michela is already learning to balance meeting targets with a bit of looking after.



Postman Pete and Michela

Pete began work as a photographer, moved on to being a surveyor, working in Saudi and on the M25, but found his sense of right and wrong compromised so took up window cleaning, painting and eventually moved onto becoming Postman Pete. There's much more to tell of Pete but just enjoy his whiskery smile, his jokes, his support for village events and his love of people and animals. Thanks Pete.

UPWOOD ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Upwood Art Group held its inaugural exhibition on Saturday 17th November. Following successful open days in the previous couple of years it was time for the members to showcase their work in a more formal way. And what a display of fantastic artistic talent it was!



The group itself is going from strength to strength with an overall membership exceeding 25 and draws its members from the wider locality as well as the parish itself. The regular Saturday morning sessions are always well attended, where the members, aged between 18 and 85, are able to explore every artistic medium including oils, acrylics, pastels and ink. The group also organises trips to art galleries and its popular annual holiday is now in its 4th year.



John Laing, from Helens Close, has been a member of the group since it started. Although he had experience of engineering drawing through his work he had not considered trying art as a hobby until he joined the group. *"I particularly enjoy creating pictures of cats and dogs using pastels"*. He is pictured here with his portrait of "Oscar", a 9 month old westie.

Janice Carter, who lives on Fairmead Park, has produced some incredibly intricate works of art using acrylic to paint tiny pictures of birds on feathers. She enjoys all art forms and is a keen photographer as well. *"I love coming to the art group. It has really enthused me to the extent that I have now enrolled in a part-time art course to study textiles."*



The group is organised by **Frances Ashfield** who has taught art for over 40 years. *"I am delighted with the public response to our first exhibition. This is, without doubt, one of the best groups of people I have ever worked with. Saturday mornings are just great fun – come along and join us!"*

The group now has its own dedicated website: www.upwood-art.co.uk, along with links to Facebook and Twitter.

RAMSEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

This group meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of each month.

The meeting in November was the Annual General meeting of the Club followed by a quiz. There is no meeting in December but in January (21st) there will be a talk by Colin Ward who runs a nursery near Market Deeping. He will tell us about the plants that they grow including some rarities and how these are propagated. In February (18th) we have Angela Whiting of Darcy Everest, a specialist alpine nursery at Pidley. She will talk on Alpines and Alpine troughs. We hope that we may be able to visit her nursery at some point after the talk.

The annual membership of the Club is £10 and visitors are welcome at £2 per meeting. **Contact Ian Gaunt (710702); ian.gaunt@care4free.net**

UPWOOD CAROL SINGING

On Tuesday 11th December 2012, a group of villagers will be singing Christmas Carols round Upwood. This year we will be raising money for local cancer services, (having raised £2,800 over the past nine years for cancer care). We will stop at intervals and knock on doors to let you know that we are there, sing a carol and collect any donations. Both singers and collectors are needed to join the carollers, so please ring Mags Dudley on 812424 for more information.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AT THE CROSS KEYS

Again this year the Cross Keys was a finalist in the Hunts Post Food and Drink Awards – Community Pub. The Cross Keys won the award in 2009 and has been a finalist for the past 3 years. Congratulations!

Events: For bookings call: Jane or Kevin on 813384. Full menus in the pub.

Christmas Lunch Specials: Christmas lunch specials start on Tuesday 4 December. Two courses for £16.95 or three courses for 20.95. **Booking essential** and a non-returnable deposit of £5 per person is payable on booking.

Boxing Day: The Cross keys is doing a Boxing Day special: starter, main, dessert and coffee for £29.95. **Advance booking essential**

New Year's Eve: A full carved buffet and champagne at midnight with entertainment from Martin Stratford Duo. Tickets £30 (few remaining). **Advance booking essential**

PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS @ UVH

Shows so far this autumn have been the acoustic duo, State of the Union, in September (*picture right*), an evening of stand-up comedy from Custard Comedy in October and the Opera Dudes at the end of November. We have a break in December with January taken up by Upwood Panto (*see elsewhere for booking details*).



In February we have a real treat as **Chris & Kellie While** (*picture below*) will be appearing on **Friday 22nd February @ 7.45pm**. Chris While is widely recognised as one of the finest singers on the acoustic music circuit, both in the UK and around the world. She tours, writes, records and performs both as a soloist and with singer-songwriter Julie Matthews. She has been lead singer of the Albion Band



and was chosen to sing the late Sandy Denny's vocals when Fairport Convention recreated their seminal album *Liege & Lief* at Cropredy Festival in 2007. Chris' daughter, Kellie, tours annually with the Albion Christmas Band and has provided guest vocals for some of the most respected names in folk music, including Eddi Reader, Fairport Convention, Beth Nielsen Chapman and Martin Simpson. Tickets for this show can be reserved now by contacting 01487 814114 / dougmcleod@hotmail.co.uk (£9.50/£8.50 concessions).

We are also currently negotiating the welcome return of comedian and raconteur extraordinaire Mervyn Stutter in March / April – date to be confirmed.

Brownies*

Are you aged 7-10?

Are you free on a Wednesday evening during term time?

Then why not come & join the fun with Upwood Brownies?

We meet at Upwood Village Hall 6-7.30pm, for more details please contact Louise on 07921197850



UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE

The fete committee would like to announce the grants for 2012:

Upwood and The Raveleys Newsletter	£400
Upwood St Peters Church	£300
Upwood and The Raveleys Website	£100
Upwood and The Raveleys Community Archive	£75
Upwood Small to Tall	£75
Upwood 55+	£75

The fete committee are pleased to announce the date for next year's village fete, Saturday 22nd June 2013 in the paddock at the Cross Keys. We have decided again to follow a theme and have chosen the 'Wild West' to base the day around, more to follow in the next newsletter. We are also planning the popular Open Gardens and Garage Sale - date to be announced in the New Year.

As usual we are looking for help with both events so if you have a little time to spare, or have any ideas please contact Andrew Peck on 01487 711372 or Anne Prince on 01487 814021.

GREAT FEN PROJECT- FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 5 Dec, Great Fen Local Group Walk– Christmas walk around Upwood, lunch in Cross Keys pub, 5 miles, 10.00am–12.30pm, £2.50 donation, booking essential for lunch, Meet at Cross Keys in Upwood.

Contact Adrian Kempster, Tel: 07983 850886

Email: panda@kempster1947.fsnet.co.uk

Fri 7 Dec, Great Fen Local Group Talk – Kingfishers Up Close and Personal, by Jeff Harrison (who has studied and photographed Kingfishers for many years and in this talk he reveals intimate details of their lives) - 7.30, £3.00 donation.

Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights Tel: 01487 710420

Email: info@greatfen.org.uk

Wed 16 Jan, Great Fen Local Group Walk – Winter Bird Ramble. Start from Woodwalton Village at 10.00am for a 5 mile walk passing the site of the old Cistercian monastery at Sawtry.

Contact Adrian Kempster, Tel: 07983 850886

Email: panda@kempster1947.fsnet.co.uk

DO YOUR BIT TO BRING BETTER BROADBAND FOR ALL



Have you registered for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring better broadband access for everyone across the county? Time is running out and we need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins. It only takes a minute to go online or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices. All we need is your postcode and a landline phone number, and whether you are a home or business user – and we will only use this information for the campaign.

To find out more, visit www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk, email contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or call 0345 045 5200

U3A – RAMSEY BRANCH

The University of the Third Age is for people who want to keep active in mind and body and are no longer in full time employment. Our membership subscription for this year is £15 commencing in April (from December to April it reduces to £10) and will include the magazine, 'Third Age Matters', and a local newsletter for those who are on the internet. Visitors are always welcome, and will be asked to pay the visitor fee of £1.00 for each visit (after two visits you must become a member). Our monthly open meetings are held principally for members to see the news from the Interest Group's co-ordinator, to provide us all with the opportunity to gently learn something new that we will find stimulating and of interest, and to get together socially. At the moment our Interest Groups include the following: Trips & Visits, Singing, Computing, Walking, Food & Cookery and Calligraphy.

In October at the Ramsey open meeting we had a presentation by David Garner and Philip Miller on the 'Restless River'. They had taken the photographs, recorded commentary and added music which gave a polished and professional production. November's speaker was Terry Hubbard who talked about Working with Wood. This included the structure, type and different characteristics of various woods, and the development of the lathe. He provided many examples and the talk was very much 'hands on'. In December we will have a Party to celebrate the Festive season.

If you are interested please contact John Austin on 01733 844 474 or our website is www.u3a.org.uk.

HOME TO HOME

The new season began with a talk about the origins of local place names by Mariette Cracknell who proved to be an entertaining, interesting and knowledgeable speaker. Our thanks to her for a fascinating opening to our year. Hopefully she'll join us again in the future. In October Jenny Lawrence, Beauty and Holistics practitioner, got all the members involved in a group massage session. Great fun! Then she gave a "volunteer" a facial and makeover. Thanks to Jenny for another enjoyable event.

On the 17th December members will celebrate Christmas with a dinner in the Village Hall. Not to be missed. There is no meeting in January. In February there will be a talk and in March members will learn how to design and make cards of all kinds. In April there will be a slide show and talk about British flora and fauna.

New members are welcome; membership is £10 & includes light refreshments. Call for more details 711411.

HIGH STREET HEDGEHOGS

A big thank you to all the people who donated towels, papers, food and washing powder after learning of my hedgehog rescue centre. I currently have 28 hedgehogs in my care and that leads me to my next appeal. Is there anyone with a spare bedroom that would consider overwintering a baby hedgehog (or two) until release in the spring. A couple of sturdy cardboard boxes taped together and some shredded paper will suffice for a bed, with cat biscuits and water daily. (Oh and you might need a pair of sturdy gloves!)

At the moment they need to be inside but when they reach around 800g they can be moved to a garage or shed where they will have periods of sleeping and being awake until release in April (weather permitting). Even when they reach the normal hibernation weight of a wild hedgehog they cannot be released until spring. However, I must stress, they are not pets and a 'hands off' approach should be taken. They should only be picked up for cleaning out and keeping a check on their weight. They are wild animals and it is only through their late birth that they are in captivity – otherwise they would die of cold or starvation.

If you would like more details of what is involved or would like to adopt a hog please ring Jean Noble on 814356.

CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CLINIC AT RAF UPWOOD

The 423rd Medical Squadron, which has been based at RAF Upwood in one guise or other since 1986 closed its doors to patients for the last time on 26th October. The 423rd Medical Squadron is now operating from a purpose built clinic at RAF Alconbury which is the Headquarters of the 423rd Air Base Group.

RAF Upwood has hosted a military presence of one type or other since the Royal Flying Corps in 1917 to Lancasters from the Pathfinder Force in 1943 to Canberra jet bombers in 1955. In 1961, the station was transformed into a hub of various support activities and after they left it was turned into a technical training location with the arrival of the School of Education, the school of Management and Work Study and the School of Administration. These various training activities lasted until the late 1970s and by 1981 the station was again almost dormant.

The USAF was given control of RAF Upwood by the MOD in December 1981 and Upwood became a satellite station of RAF Alconbury, providing housing and support services for personnel stationed there. The end of the Cold War in 1991 resulted in a phase down of RAF Alconbury and USAF activities at Upwood were reduced. By 2005 the last USAF family moved out of the Upwood housing area and with the closure of the clinic, the site will be returned to the Ministry of Defence for disposal, which will sadly bring RAF Upwood to the end of its long proud history and association with the local community. *Squadron Leader Clive Wood – RAF Commander- RAF Alconbury*

UPWOOD SMALL TO TALL - EVERY WEEKDAY TERM TIME

Breakfast Club, Pre-School Sessions & After School Club

A fun learning environment with experienced staff and a positive Ofsted report

PLEASE CALL Angie Dean/Sue Sykes on
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WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

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Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
County Councillor	Victor Lucas	822812
Cricket Club	David Drage	07796 352200
Cross Keys Golf Society	Malcolm Hudson	01840 779425
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
55+	Chris Bruce Caroline Lloyd	812327 813455
History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702
Home to Home	Frances Ashfield	711411
Meet and Munch	Mags Dudley	812424
Parish Clk (inc Allotments)	Claire Tunnicliffe	07955 707 134
Ramsey Bridge Club	B & A Quinton	813349
Ramsey Choral Society	June Green	813562
Ramsey and District Gardening Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Michael Latchem	01354 694241
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
Speed Watch	Keith Sisman	710552
St Peter's Church Matters	Gordon Slinn	815951
St Peter's Handbells	Deana Phillips	824755
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A	John Austin	01733 844 474
Upwood Business Association	Frances Ashfield	711411
Upwood Quilters	Carolyn Lloyd	813455
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments Assoc.	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood School PTA	Jody Howell	812843
Upwood Pantomime Society	Doug McLeod	814114
UVH Performing Arts Events / [act] Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
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