



# Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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Do you know where this photo was taken?



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**DIARY OF EVENTS: APRIL 15 – MAY 15**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place / Contact</b>
4 Apr	Sat	Easter Egg Hunt – Cross Keys	3pm	Hayley 813384
5 Apr	Sun	Easter – Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter’s Church
5 Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday Meal	-	Cross Keys, 813384
6 Apr	Mon	Food Fair	11am – 3pm	Ramsey Rural Museum. Ian 710702
9 Apr	Thur	Local History trip to Wrest Park	All day	Carol 812447
11 Apr	Sat	UPA – Steve Knightley (re-arranged performance)	7.45pm	Village Hall, Doug 814114
13 Apr	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Village Hall, Parish Clerk 812447
15 Apr	Wed	Woodwalton Walk	10am	Woodwalton Village Hall, Adrian 07983 850886
15 Apr	Wed	WEA Summer Course Starts: Reading 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Britain	8pm	Village Hall, Liz 813008
16 Apr	Thur	Photographing Wildlife	7.30pm	Countryside Classroom, 710420
20 Apr	Mon	Gardening Club – Talk on ‘Apples’		Ramsey Community Centre, Ian 710702
23 Apr	Thur	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	7pm	Village Hall
24 Apr	Fri	U3A – Open Event	11am-3pm	Ramsey Community Centre, Nina 711265
25 Apr	Sat	Soup, Sizzle & Song in aid of Save the Children	7.30pm	Village Hall, Lynn 812826
27 Apr	Mon	Home to Home – Hat Making	8.00pm	Village Hall, Jackie 711329
30 Apr	Thur	Upwood Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	Village Hall
1 May	Fri	Disco & Karaoke	7pm	Cross Keys, 813384
8 May	Fri	Coffee Morning (in aid of Flower Festival)		77 High St, Anne-Marie, 812195
11 May	Mon	Annual Parish Council Meeting	6.00pm	Village Hall, Parish Clerk 812447
14 May	Thur	Newsletter AGM	7.30pm	Village Hall, Doug 814114
16 May	Sat	‘Now and then’ Hobby Show	11am-4pm	Village Hall, Anne-Marie 812195
18 May	Mon	Gardening Club – Talk on ‘Salvias’	7.30pm	Ramsey C. C. Ian 710702
18 May	Mon	Home to Home – Florist Evening with Amanda	8.00pm	Village Hall, Jackie 711329
20 May	Wed	History Group – Great Meals in Literature	7.45pm	Village Hall, Ian 710702
23 May	Sat	Anniversary of Pub Opening	TBN	Cross Keys, 813384
<b>FUTURE EVENTS</b>				
11 Jun	Thurs	UPA – Mischa Macpherson Trio	7.45pm	Village Hall, Doug 814114
15 Jun	Mon	Gardening Club – Talk on Self Sufficiency	7.30pm	Ramsey Community Centre, Ian 710702
4 Jul	Sat	Upwood & the Raveleys Fete		
15 Jul	Wed	History Group – The Pathfinder Force	7.45pm	Village Hall, Ian 710702
25 Jul	Sat	Gardening Club – Annual Show	TBN	Rural Museum – Ian 710702

**Deadline for the June/July Issue is 15 May 2015**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome parishioners to the PC Meetings in February and March.

Thank You - The Council would like to say thank you to two special residents who have over the years helped to keep the verges cut. Robert has maintained the pathway and hedge from Fairmead to Farm Close working in all weathers and Don has cut many of the grass verges in the village of Upwood. This work has been entirely voluntary and has made a great improvement to the appearance of the village. We wish Don and his wife Deirdre all the best when they move away.

The Old Bier For Conveying Coffins - This has been kept in the old chapel in the Meadow Road Cemetery. It is in need of restoration and is not used. The Council has received a request from Ramsey Town Council for the loan of this old bier. Ramsey Town Council is planning to restore the old chapel and create a museum area there and would like to restore the Upwood bier and display it. The Parish Council agreed to this with the proviso that a notice will be displayed which states that it is on loan from Upwood. Ramsey Town Council will cover the costs of the restoration.

Road Closures - The County Councillor informed us at the March meeting that roads in the area will be closed for the Bicycle Race on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June. At present the exact details have not been published but we have been told that the Huntingdon Road will be affected so watch out for details in the press.

Dog Mess - This has been an unnecessary and anti-social problem again this winter. Notices from HDC clearly point out the fine of £1,000 for offenders. This is now a SURVEILLANCE AREA and offenders should be aware.

Next Meeting - Monday, 13 April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 11 May at 6.00pm followed at 8.00pm by the Annual Parish Open Meeting - Leaders of Community Groups are invited to submit a written report of their group's activities so that their achievements over the past year can be shared and celebrated. The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming parishioners to both meetings in the Village Hall.

## **GREAT FEN LOCAL GROUP**

Mid-week 5-mile walk – Wednesday 15 Apr – Woodwaton Village (meet at village hall, Woodwalton) at 10am. Cost £2.50 - contact Adrian 07983 850886.

Illustrated Talk – How to photograph wildlife Thursday 16 Apr (Countryside classroom – Ramsey Heights) at 7.30pm. Cost £3 contact 710420

## SCOOP THE POOP



Responsible dog owners clean up after their dogs. Sadly we seem to have some irresponsible owners in our village at present... so much so that your Parish Council has decided to call in Huntingdonshire District Council to clean up the High Street, Helens Close and Bentley Close. Through taxes we are paying for a service that should not be necessary.

Most of us undertook to give food, love and shelter when we decided to have a dog. Cleaning up is another important facet of dog

ownership. So please could we ask all pet owners to be extra vigilant over this matter and if anyone is able to report dog fouling - date, time, location etc. so that action can be taken, it may help to eradicate this problem.

*From the Parish Clerk:*

*The District Council has designated Upwood as a "Surveillance Area"; note the yellow signs to this effect. If you can help with information which may help to identify offenders please inform the Parish or District Council in the strictest confidence.*

## HOME TO HOME

We usually meet on the last Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. The emphasis of the group is to have fun! Anyone is welcome to come along as a visitor to enjoy the talks, demonstrations or activities and we aim to interest women of all ages.

Our meeting in February was a change from that scheduled and we were really grateful to Frances for stepping in at very short notice and arranging an art evening. Members sat opposite one another and drew each other, to much hilarity, and it was surprising how many good artists there are amongst us hiding their talents. Our meeting in March was a talk given by Veronica Bennett on putting National Trust houses 'to bed'. This was a very informative and interesting talk which gave us a good insight into all the work that takes place every year.

Our next meeting on 27 April will be a demonstration on hat making by Helen Tilley who also takes commissions, so anyone needing a hat in the near future, please come along, even if you are not a member. For more information, please telephone Jackie on 711329.

## **COMMUNITY LED PLAN UPDATE**

The results of the parish questionnaire have been collated and are available for viewing via the link on the Community Led Plan page of the parish website [<http://www.upwood.org/Community%20Led%20Plan.htm>]. It contains the whole parish response details as well as giving the results for each part of the parish (see tabs at the bottom). Some issues identified in the questionnaire have already/are currently being addressed by the relevant organisations and there were three key areas identified as needing further investigation. In response to these findings three working parties are being formed to address:

Roads and road safety:

- to look at Great Raveley traffic calming;
- the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing at Longholme Road;
- the feasibility of a 40mph zone from Bury to the end of Upwood village.

Housing and Planning:

- identification of ownership of land within the parish that could potentially be open to development.

Communication:

- to raise awareness of the parish website and Facebook;
- to establish a rolling reminder programme of services available within the parish;
- to raise awareness of the role of the parish council and to make it more accessible.

### **Get involved and make a difference to your community**

The working parties will be made up of representatives from the Community Led Plan team, members of the Parish Council and any members of the parish who are interested in looking at any of these issues. If you would like to become involved please contact Fiona Hopkins on 710045 who will provide further details. This is an opportunity to get involved in something that will have a positive impact on your local life - all volunteers are encouraged. The time commitment will be under your control and any input or assistance from parishioners would be very welcome.

## **RAMSEY AND DISTRICT U3A**

The University of the Third Age is for retired and semi-retired people who want to learn, laugh and live. On Friday 24 April we shall be hosting an interactive open day from 11am-3pm at the Ramsey Community Centre. If you are interested in finding out more about U3A please contact Nina on 711265.



**SCARECROW COMPETITION &  
UPWOOD OPEN GARDENS  
SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN  
OR HELP IN ANY WAY

PLEASE CONTACT JOSIE GAUNT 710702

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

PROCEEDS TO ST. PETERS' FABRIC FUND,  
VILLAGE HALL & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



**UPWOOD ART GROUP**



UAG is always keen to gain new members. Meetings are every Saturday morning in the Village Hall at 10 am.

Fees are minimal and there are lots of materials to try. So why not drop in one morning and 'have a go'. UAG is a very friendly group.

Absolutely no experience is necessary and help is always available, as well as tea and coffee. We can promise you a warm welcome with lots of guidance and a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Oh yes, and you will learn to paint and draw TOO!! For further information contact Frances 711411

**TABLE TENNIS CLUB**



Attendances for January/February have been very good and March included our annual dinner (14) and Doubles Tournament (31). In April we are borrowing a "Robot" to assist our coaching at the club and on Sunday 5 July we are having a coach outing to Hunstanton.

The club operates Tuesday evenings 7.30-10pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2-4.30pm. If you would like to be a part of this club, contact-David Williams on 812923 or email [hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk)

## UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS



### **The Mischa Macpherson Trio**

**Thursday 11 June at 7.45pm**

**Tickets: £12.50**

The welcome return visit of this talented young trio who wowed us last year. Since winning the 2014 Radio 2 Young Folk Award with the trio, Mischa has gone on to capture the coveted "2015 Gaelic Singer of the Year Award". 'Sublime singing and musicianship of the

highest order'.

**Thursday 10 Sept – Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver**

**Thursday 15 Oct – The Melrose Quartet**

**Thursday 12 Nov – Nicholas Collett – *Nelson, A Sailor's Story***

**Thursday 10 Dec – Chris Newman and Maire Ni Chathasaigh – *Celtic Christmas***

**REARRANGED STEVE KNIGHTLEY PERFORMANCE – Saturday 11 April at 7.45pm**

## UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

We meet in Upwood Village Hall at 7.45pm on the third Wednesday of alternate months. We also organise visits to sites of interest either locally or more distantly.

The meeting on 18 March was a talk by David Cozens on 'Arthur Maddison, Early Photographer'. It was fascinating to see copies of Victorian slides both on screen and in print. On 20 May Fiona Lucraft will talk to us about 'Great Meals in Literature'. We know that Fiona is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. On 15 July there will be a talk on 'The History of the Pathfinder Force' by Kevin Dalley.

We are continuing to develop two projects. One is an attempt to show what the villages were like in the early 20th Century (1910) and the other is to prepare a time-line of events in the area. To complete these projects we need assistance and information from members of the community. When was your house built (even if it is modern), what shops were there in the villages or where were there pubs? So any information can be included. Please contact Ian if you can help.

The cost for an annual membership of the History Group is £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at a cost of £3. Why not come along and try one of our meetings? Further information contact Ian Gaunt 710702 or [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

## THE MEADOWS ON YOUR DOORSTEP BY SHEILA WELLS

Upwood Meadows, owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust, are a remnant of a pastoral type of farming that was once prevalent in this region. They escaped recent ploughing because of their low lying situation on heavy, wet clay soil. The irregular outline of the site suggests that it has not changed since it was originally cut out of the wild wood. The presence of bluebells and other woodland flowers in the hedges are indicators of this. Their ancient origin is also suggested by the fact that in 1252, the records of Ramsey Abbey refer to a piece of land in Upwood called 'Benetimed' which in the 1711 records was referred to Bentley Meadow. In 1839 Bentley Meadow, Little Bentley Meadow and Helens Close were all mentioned in the Tithes Award for Upwood.

It is likely that there were originally just 2 meadows – Bentley Meadow and Helens Close and that Little Bentley Meadow was formed by the planting of a hawthorn hedge at the time of Enclosure. The names of these meadows were the inspiration for the naming of Helens Close and Bentley Close when the extension of the village was being built in the 1960's.



COWSLIP

The huge ridge and furrow in Bentley Meadow indicates that it was under cultivation at some time in the past. In fact, the width of the ridges suggests that these were formed by ploughing using teams of oxen. The other two fields also had such ridges, but they have been almost erased by later ploughing. Of the three meadows, Bentley Meadow is the wettest and this probably accounts for its abandonment after the Black Death (about 1349), when better land was available for the use of the reduced population.



Over the centuries a rich flora has developed, giving us the spring spectacle of thousands of cowslips, colouring the ridges yellow, followed by hundreds of spikes of the rare Green-winged Orchid. Later the ridges are again yellow with buttercups. Adder's Tongue fern is a speciality that is not as easy to find being rather small and inconspicuous, but once you get down low enough it can be seen in large patches in several parts of the meadow.

ADDER'S TONGUE FERN





Anthills (front picture!) formed by the Yellow Meadow Ant (*Lasius flavus*) are a striking feature of Bentley Meadow at any time of year. Confined to the drier ridges rather than in the furrows, and now gradually spreading to the other two meadows, they provide

food for the Green Woodpecker and are used as latrines by rabbits. The ants build the hills by carrying small particles of soil from the surrounding meadow in a process known as 'heaping'. The resulting soil on the top of the heap is better drained, warmer and richer than the surrounding soil. The plants that grow on the top of the anthills have to be able to survive the drier conditions and continual burying by the heaping process. They are usually annuals which grow rapidly and produce plenty of seed. Thus the composition of the sward on the top of the anthill is often very different from the surrounding meadow. On the larger hills, there is sometimes an obvious difference between the plants on the north and south facing sides of the hill. The hedges support a good range of bird species including Song Thrush, Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Yellowhammer and Linnet. The purring of the Turtle Dove in summer was a regular feature but it has not been heard recently – any records of this bird would be welcome.

*(Please tell Sheila if you do hear a turtle dove.)*



#### Some background information about Sheila:



Despite describing herself as an enthusiastic amateur Sheila is highly experienced in the field of fungi as well as having a wealth of knowledge about our local botany, which, fortunately she occasionally shares with us in this newsletter.

Sheila cannot remember a time when she wasn't interested in flowers, both wild and cultivated. She believes this stems from the books that were everywhere in her family home. Apparently from the age of five Sheila told everyone that she was going to be a horticulturalist! Whilst studying Horticultural Botany at Reading

University she met her future husband, Terry and their shared love of all forms of Botany formed a lifelong bond in both work and hobbies. Moving to Upwood in 1963 it was Terry who initially recognised the value of the richness of Bentley Meadow and he worked hard to gain it 'Natural Native Reserve' status. Sheila sees the Meadow being designated a Coronation Meadow as the culmination of Terry's work. She hopes that everyone will continue to enjoy and respect the Meadows.

*(Thanks to Esther Rowley for drawings.)*

## UPWOOD ST PETER'S CHURCH

5 April: Easter Holy Communion 9.30am  
12 April: Holy Communion with Baptism 9.30am  
19 April: Morning Prayer 9.30am  
26 April: Family Communion Service with Lighthouse 9.30am  
3 May: No Service in Upwood  
10 May: Holy Communion 9.30am  
17 May: Morning Prayer 9.30am  
24 May: Family Communion Service with Lighthouse 9.30am  
31 May: TBA, please see the poster on the outside church noticeboard

The Easter Service here in Upwood is at 9.30 and will be a service with the children involved. We will be pleased to welcome you all.

Coffee Morning. Friday 8 May at 77 High Street from 10am to midday: proceeds to the Flower Festival in June. Tickets cost £1 and can be bought from Anne-Marie.

"Now & Then" Hobby Show - Commemorating WW2. Saturday 16 May 11am-4pm  
What did they do in their spare time and what do we do nowadays? This should be a very enjoyable day, showcasing various hobbies and collections, giving an atmosphere of the past and present. Food will be served at lunchtime and cakes at any time! If you have a hobby or collect something and want to display it as an individual or as part of a club, this is your chance to share your talent with the community. It could be knitting, playing music, having a meccano model to show, a hanging basket, or a collection of something as long as it can fit on a 6ft table. Free entrance, Raffle, Cake stall, Food & refreshments. To register an interest, contact: **annemarie.upwood@virgin.net** or phone 812195.

On Tuesday 17 February we celebrated Pancake Day at the Village Hall and raised £234 for church funds. A huge crowd turned up and we had to extend into the front hall where we had planned to hold the children's activities. The children still played various games including 'finding the lemons in the hall', 'creating an acrostic using the word 'Pancake' (one of the best phrases being "Pancake and Nutella can add Calories everywhere!").' The children also had a go at drawing a picture using the opposite hand from normal, and we found we have some ambidextrous children! Finally, the children had a go at tossing pancakes. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising event.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Thurs 23 April in the Village Hall at 7pm. Those on the Church Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend. This is to vote in Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members for the coming year.

## UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Darwin Day. Year 6 have been finding out about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. The Museum of Zoology from Cambridge visited in February and ran two brilliant and interactive sessions with the children. They were able to handle real animal specimens from the Museum and even built a whale! What a great experience.

World Book Day. We have also celebrated 'World Book Day,' on March 5. This is a global event celebrating reading and books. Many fun events were organised in school including pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite characters, from books such as 'Where's Wally?' and 'Harry Potter.' Staff chose their favourite stories and shared them during a special assembly.

Coming Up..... As the Spring term draws to a close, we will be holding our annual 'Egg Day.' Children in Years 1-6 will be invited to take part in a competition to design 'something' using a hard boiled egg. There will be prizes for each class and an overall winner. Judges will arrive in school during the afternoon to choose the winners. Creations will be displayed in the hall at the end of the day for parents/carers to view. This day always proves to be very successful and popular

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of most months. It is a friendly group that is aimed at everyone who is interested in gardens or plants. Visits are arranged to gardens such as the Royal Horticultural Society gardens. The Club is not just for experienced gardeners but for anyone who is interested in gardens or plants.

In March we had a talk on 'How to make the most of a small garden' by Margaret Nimmo-Smith. On the 20 April Andrew Mikolajski will give a talk on 'Apples' whilst on 18 May Janet Buist will discuss Salvias. On 15 June, we shall be told about 'Self Sufficiency from Your Garden' by Nigel Start. This range of talks illustrates the diversity of the programme.

On Sat July 25 we will be holding our annual show at the Ramsey Rural Museum. This is open to entries from all members of the community and there are classes for flowers, pot plants, vegetables, fruit, cookery and preserves, handicrafts and photography. The schedule will soon be available. Annual membership of the Club costs £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at £2. For further information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)).

## UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION



Spring has definitely sprung on the allotments – lots of activity with whole families involved. Youngest plot holder spotted on site – just 2 months old! We still have one starter plot available - ideal for the beginner or the seasoned gardener, these mini plots are perfect for those who just want a little extra space for salads, beans, herbs and even new potatoes. For more details, contact Ali Miles on [amiles@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:amiles@gotadsl.co.uk) or Liz Carter on email [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) (813008).

Hedge planting has been carried out – a new hedge around the new barrier gate on Huntingdon Road and infilling gaps in the existing hedgerow. Our thanks to the Woodland Trust for the free trees, canes and wraps. We hope to extend the hedgerow along the whole of the allotment site on Huntingdon Road next year.

Finally, a plea from the allotment holders to all dog owners and walkers in the area – please can you make sure you pick up after your dog. We have had several instances of dog mess on the allotment paths, central track and even worse on plots. The allotment track is not a public footpath and whilst we have no objection to people walking through the site, we would remind everyone that there is a £1,000 fine for anyone who does not clean up after their dog.

## RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



Your local museum in Wood Lane Ramsey will be opening for the 2015 season at Easter (4 April). The opening event will be a Food Fair on Monday 6 April from 11.00am to 3.00pm. We have a range of local food producers so come along and support them and maybe get some unusual items.

Throughout the season, until the end of October, the museum will be open on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. Visits for groups can be arranged at other times including refreshments and guided tours. It is a very interesting museum with extensive social history exhibits as well as those related to agriculture. Why not consider this as venue for your group? For further information please contact Ian Gaunt on 710702 or [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)

### **A big 'Thank You'**

to all parishioners who so kindly deliver this newsletter within the parish & to those who have recently agreed to deliver the Ramsey & Warboys Informer to Upwood Village.

## UPWOOD UKULELES



Since Christmas we have raised a further £208.00 for Magpas through our charity performances, making an overall total of £309.65.



## MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Cambridgeshire County Council is looking for meet and greet volunteers who can spare a few hours on a regular basis (Saturdays). This is a great way to meet new people and feel part of the community. Please speak to a staff member on 01223 729180 or email: [helen.bentley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.bentley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## WEA UPWOOD BRANCH – SUMMER TERM COURSE



‘Reading 19th Century Britain’ with Fiona Lucraft – Wednesday evenings in Upwood Village Hall. 8.00 –9.45 pm starting 15 April 2015. The course lasts 10 weeks and costs £48 – pay at the first session.

A return of this popular tutor for an exciting course on literature and social history of the 19th-century - there’s far more to Victorian Britain than Dickens. We look at a wide range of writers, poets and the social upheavals of the 19th century. For details contact Liz Carter on [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) or by phone 813008 (voicemail).



## UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm

All welcome

## **NEW GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES**

A new peer support and education service called **Type 2 Together** will connect people who have diabetes in their local area. Relaxed and informal group sessions will be led by volunteers who are themselves living with diabetes and who are trained to share their advice and experiences. The free service will provide information leaflets to help people live well with Type 2 diabetes, and is available to anyone living with Type 2 diabetes. Anyone interested in joining a local group should call the Diabetes UK regional co-ordinator on 0345 123 2399 or email **Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk**

## **SPECIAL CONSTABLES – WE NEED YOU!**

Special Constables are volunteer police officers who play a vital role in Cambridgeshire Constabulary. You will get the chance to work alongside regular police officers, using skills and experiences from your day job to give something back to the community.

It's demanding. You will have to give up at least 16 hours of your spare time each month. But helping to protect and support Cambridgeshire and the people who live, work and visit here is really satisfying too. Being flexible is essential as we cover all of the cities, towns and villages. Specials wear the same uniform and carry the same powers and responsibilities as regular police officers.

They're involved in all aspects of policing Cambridgeshire, enjoying variety of roles. As a Special, you'll make a real difference and gain unique experiences, you simply can't get anywhere else. If this sounds like something you could do then why not visit our website on: **[www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/specials](http://www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/specials)**.



## **Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter AGM**

**Thursday 14 May**

**at 7.30pm**

**Upwood Village Hall**

**Everyone is very welcome to attend.**

## CROSS KEYS



A Defibrillator is available at the Cross Keys for anyone to access. If you are interested in training how to use this piece of equipment which could help save a life, please contact Hayley at the pub (813384) so that a training day with the Cambridgeshire Ambulance Service can be arranged.

Events: **Saturday 4 April:** Easter Egg Hunt: meet at the paddock at 3pm. Please be prepared to walk around the village during the hunt.

**Easter Sunday 5 April:** 2 Courses £14.95, 3 Courses £17.95.

**Friday 1 May:** Karaoke and Disco, Starts 7pm.

**Saturday 23 May:** We will be having a Band to celebrate a year of being open at the Cross Keys. Further details available from the pub closer to the date.

## MEET AND MUNCH IS BACK AGAIN!

Volunteers from 'Meet and Munch' are looking forward to serving delicious teas and cakes to members in the Village Hall beginning **Saturday May 2 between 3pm and 4.30pm**. Teas will also be served at the same time on the following Saturdays:

**May 2, July 11, August 1 and September 5**

Our annual summer party lunch will be held on **June 6 from 1pm till 2.30pm**. This year the theme is "The sun has got his hat on" so we are expecting to see some lovely hats worn by the ladies and gentlemen!

If you are over 55 and would like more details or would like to join this friendly group, please contact Jan Howe on 814393.



## UPWOOD TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Do you want to get fit?

Do you want to have fun?



**TABLE TENNIS IS A FUN GAME AND IT WILL IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS.**

We charge just £2 per session and play every Tuesday night from 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm at the Upwood Village Hall.

Contact 812923 for further information.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
Brownies	Louise Jackson	079211 97850
Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
County Councillor	Michael Tew	<b>tew180@gmail.com</b>
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924, npe.tuffin@gmail.com
Cross Keys PH	Hayley Huskinson	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Dave Murray	815071
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702
Home to Home	Jackie Johnston	711329
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Parish Clerk	Carol Bilverstone	812447
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006
Ramsey Camera Club	Trevor Brown	711541
Ramsey Choral Society	June Green	813562
Ramsey & District Garden Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Terry Haslin	815609
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jason Tuxworth	07855 887017
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
Speed Watch	Keith Sisman	710552
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Ann-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
Upwood Business Association	Frances Ashfield	711411
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Quilters	Margaret Jones	814031
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood School PTA	Jody Howell	812843
UVH Performing Arts Events Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
Upwood Ukuleles	Doug McLeod	814114
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