



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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The Gran Fondo

came to the parish on Sunday 5 June, causing roads to be closed in Great Raveley and Upwood. Parishioners turned out in large numbers to cheer the cyclists on.

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DIARY OF EVENTS AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2016

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
August				
6 Aug	Sat	Meet & Munch Tea	3 – 4 pm	UVH, Jan 814393
7 Aug	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
14 Aug	Sun	Joint Service – Ramsey No Service in Upwood	10.00	Thomas a Becket, Church Jean 814393
20-21 Aug	Sat Sun	1940s weekend	All Day	The Camp, Ramsey
21 Aug	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
28 Aug	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
28 Aug	Sun	Jazz & Tea	2-5pm	Rural Museum, Terry 815609
September				
3 Sep	Sat	Meet & Munch Tea	3 – 4 pm	UVH, Jan 814393
4 Sep	Sun	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
5 Sep	Mon	Parish Council	7pm	UVH, Carol 812447
10 Sep	Sat	Historic Church, Cycle or Stride	9.30am	Black Bull Pub, Godmanchester, Anne Marie 812195
10 Sep	Sat	Ramsey Rotary Club Ceilidh	TBC	Drill Hall, Wood Lane, June 813562
11 Sep	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
11 Sep	Sun	National Heritage Day	All day	Ramsey Historic Buildings
15 Sep	Thur	UPA, Cup O'Joe	7.45pm	UVH, Doug 814114
17 Sep	Sat	Art Club Exhibition	10– 4.30pm	St Peter's Church
18 Sep	Sun	Harvest Service – St Mary's No Service in Upwood	TBC	St Mary's Church, Jean 814393
19 Sep	Mon	RGC – Horticultural Photography	7.30pm	Community Centre, Ian 710702
20 Sep	Tues	WEA Course starts	10.00 am	UVH, Liz 813008
21 Sep	Wed	History Group: History of Wl.	7.45pm	UVH, Ian 710702
25 Sep	Sun	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Peter's Church, Jean 814393
25 Sep	Sun	Plough Day	2-5pm	Rural Museum, Terry 815609
30 Sep	Fri	Macmillan coffee morning	10.30am	Venue TBC
Forthcoming Events				
14 Oct	Fri	UPA, While & Matthews	7.45pm	UVH, Doug 814114
27 Nov	Sun	UPA, Hill & Janelle	8pm	UVH, Doug 814114
10 Dec	Sat	Choral Society - Messiah		Thomas a Beckett, June 813562

UPA – Upwood Performing Arts

UVH – Upwood Village Hall

Deadline for the October/November newsletter is 15 September 2016

APOLOGY:

Please note that the last newsletter included the wrong phone number for the Parish Clerk. The correct number is shown in the Who's Who in the Villages list:
812447, parishclerk@upwood.org

PARISH COUNCIL

County Councillor Tew, confirmed that a proposal to form a Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is being submitted to Government as part of the proposed devolution process. The views of local residents and businesses are being sought and parishioners are encouraged to engage in the process which runs from 08 July 2016 until 23 August 2016; the consultation document is available on line at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolutionsurvey**.

The next bid to the Cambridgeshire County Council Local Highways Initiative will be invited in November and councillors debated the pros, cons and the costs of several aspirations with a view to slowing traffic, promoting safety and improving amenities. It was agreed that following his attendance at the forthcoming Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Open Day, Councillor Slater should prepare a proposal or proposals for consideration at the next meeting on 05 September.

In an attempt to define and embrace the disparate views expressed at the June 2016 meeting, whilst addressing the council's duty to promote biodiversity, the clerk presented a draft biodiversity statement for consideration. The document addresses specific areas under parish control and celebrates the achievements and efforts made by the whole community to support biodiversity across the parish whilst deliberately allowing for flexibility and evolution. The council agreed unanimously to adopt the statement and thanked the clerk for the work she had done in its preparation.

Following concerns expressed at the June 2016 meeting about the maintenance of the churchyard and other areas in the parish and the clerk's report on her discussions with the contractor there was a lengthy debate on how to resolve the problems. Councillors agreed that residents should not be asked to pay (through their council tax) to tidy the churchyard or other areas of the parish but they could be asked to volunteer for a working party scheduled for a Sunday in October or November; Councillor Howe had agreed to support such an initiative before the meeting. Mr Ian Ward offered his support and that of at least four other parishioners. Councillor Noble and Mr Ward agreed to co-ordinate a small group of volunteers to gather the views of parishioners and to formulate a proposal for future parish management together with plans for a community action day to address the overgrowing vegetation in the churchyard. It is hoped that both initiatives will satisfy the council's responsibilities for biodiversity and the aspirations of the community. There will be a report back at the next meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL - continued

Parishioners wishing to contribute to this debate or to join the churchyard working party are invited to contact Councillors: Noble, nimusmum@gmail.com, **814356** or Ward, ianmacartneyward@hotmail.com, **812838**. Councillors also recorded their thanks to parishioners who already voluntarily make a substantial contribution to the maintenance and visual appeal of the parish.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5 September Upwood Village Hall, 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Agendas and detailed minutes of parish council meetings; policy documents and further information about Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council is available at www.upwood.org. **Robin Singleton, Councillor**

THE UPWOOD VILLAGE BOOK & DVD EXCHANGE



"As an iconic K6, red telephone box, standing in the centre of Upwood Village, I get quite a lot of attention. When visitors realise I am packed full of books they are intrigued.

Ever since I was adopted by Upwood & The Raveleys Parish Council I have never had a shortage of books, DVDs, CDs, available for anyone who is interested, all donated by the generous people in our area. I can't thank them enough. I would be nothing without them! My minder checks my shelves regularly so if you want to donate books just leave them in the box (in a bag if possible as it can get dampish on my floor).

There is no checking in or out or deadlines for returns, it's all very informal, you don't even have to live in the parish, everyone is welcome to browse my shelves. We often have visitors, walkers and wildlife enthusiasts coming through the village so my fame is spreading.

I have books for all tastes: novels, children's books, thrillers, glossy art, cookery & gardening books, biographies, literary classics and informative books. I have a face book page where I show off my latest acquisitions with links to book reviews and activities of other versatile K6 Telephone Boxes, you'll be amazed. Have a look at:

www.facebook.com/UpwoodBookExchange/

Don't walk on by when you are next in the High Street, take a look (even at night I am illuminated!) you may be surprised at what you discover."

K6, Red Phone box; aka Esther Rowley

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS – AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Cup O'Joe – Thursday 15 September at 7.45pm - £10.00



This talented family trio from Northern Ireland wowed the UVH audience last year when they played a support set for Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver, so we have deservedly invited them back to headline their own concert. Tabitha (banjo & fiddle), Reuben (guitar) and Benjamin (double bass) Agnew play a lively mix of bluegrass, folk and swing music.

As well as being talented instrumentalists their close family harmony singing is truly wonderful.

Chris While & Julie Matthews – Friday 14 October at 7.45pm - £12.50



Chris and Julie have been winners in the Best Duo category at the 2009 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and nine times nominated since 2001 in the Best Duo, Best Song & Best Live Act categories.

Their musical partnership began in 1993 when they were key members of the legendary folk super-group The Albion Band. In 1997 they left the band to concentrate on their work as a duo which has seen

them tour throughout the world and gain an ever growing devoted fan-base.

James Hill & Ann Janelle – Sunday 27 November at 8.00pm - £13.50



If you thought that the ukulele was a simple little four-stringed instrument prepare to have your perceptions changed by the internationally renowned virtuoso, James Hill from Canada. James is widely regarded as one of the foremost and most innovative exponents of the ukulele. An award-winning songwriter who “gives the ukulele its dignity back without ever taking himself too seriously” (*Songlines*), James Hill “proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the right hands the uke can be a formidable axe” (*Ann Arbor News*).

For the concert at UVH James will be performing alongside his wife,

Anne Janelle.

James will also be leading a **Ukulele Workshop** on the afternoon of Sunday 27 November. This workshop is strictly limited to 30 participants (£16 each). Please contact the box office for more information.

Box Office: 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

COMING SOON - GREAT RAVELEY MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Helen & Debbie at last year's coffee morning.



Debbie and Helen will again be hosting the Great Raveley Macmillan Coffee Morning, from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Friday 30 September.

They can't tell you at this point whether it will be at Debbie or Helen's house, but what they can promise is a very warm welcome, with lovely cakes, a brilliant bring and buy stall and a raffle with lots of great prizes. More news will follow nearer the time via emails/posters etc. and on the day there will be

plenty of bunting, balloons and banners to make sure you find them, at either The Old School House, or The Pightle.

They would love you to help them to support this great charity, so please put Macmillan, Gt. Raveley, 10:30am, Friday 30 September in your diaries NOW!

STRAWBERRY TEA

The third of July was a beautiful summer day for the strawberry tea which was enjoyed by about 35 in the garden of 77 High Street. It was an event put together by many willing hands with home-made scones, home-made cake, and very generous raffle prizes all contributing to a very pleasant afternoon which was also a successful fund raiser.

We are delighted to announce that a total of £333 has been shared equally between St Peters Church, the village hall, and the village newsletter.

Josie Gaunt

The newsletter committee would like to say

a big **'THANK YOU'** to
Josie & Ian Gaunt
for donating **£111**

a third of the proceeds from their successful Strawberry
Tea.

This money is very gratefully received and will help in
financing the cost of producing future editions of the
newsletter.



AUTUMN TERM COURSE

Tuesday mornings 10 – 11.45 am, 'Victorian Crime & Punishment' with local tutor Liz Carter starts 20 September. Cost £48.00 for 9 weeks.

Using local case studies, the course investigates the life of the Victorian criminal – crimes committed, changes to the law, punishments meted out as well as looking at how society's attitudes changed towards crime in 19th

century England, linking real crimes with fictional characters.

Come along on Tuesday mornings and find out more about the 'Upwood Beer Keg theft' and the 'Gt Raveley Robbery', plus lots more!

In the spring 2017 there will be 2 Study Days when we welcome back two popular tutors, Ian McLachlan with his 'Wings over East Anglia – the RAF in WW2' and Dr. Wendy Hartnell talking about climate change – her new course will look at historic climate change events. If you would like to reserve a place on any of these courses or would like more information about Upwood WEA, just contact Liz liz@backtracks.biz, 813008

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



The club continues to have good attendances at Tuesday and Wednesday sessions. The coaching sessions have reaped rewards for those attending.

The recent AGM saw the existing committee re-elected and expanded to include Phil Riddle. The chairman reviewed the past year which included 4 tournaments, 2 outings and Christmas parties. He stressed the importance of these extra activities are essential to the continued success of the club. Thanks were given to the committee and to all the members who make the club what it has become.

The summer outing later in July is to Bletchley Park.

New faces are welcome - every Tuesday, from 7.30pm and Wednesdays from 2pm.

For more information call David Williams: hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk, 812923

RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

As the final event of their 25th Anniversary Year the Ramsey Choral Society is staging a performance of Handel's Messiah on Saturday, 10 December with professional soloists and orchestral accompaniment in St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey. If you have already sung this amazing work or if it has been one of your ambitions, then do come and join us for rehearsals during the autumn term. Contact June, 813562 for more details.

RAMSEY ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Ramsey are holding a Ceilidh on Sat 10 September at The Drill Hall, 1940's field, Wood Lane, Ramsey. The event is to support The Macmillan Woodland Appeal and Rotary Charities. For details & tickets Contact June 813562

SPOTLIGHT ON THE PARISH ALLOTMENTS, URCAA

URCAA's committee gave us some background information on the allotments, whose existence can be traced back to the 1850s. Originally the land was known as 'Cottage Gardens' and was designated as charity land for the use of the poor of Upwood and Great Raveley. The allotments, as we know them today, have been in use since the 1930s. At Gt Raveley there are 3 full-size plots and 2 half plots, with one half-plot currently available to rent. At Upwood 2/3 of the site is given over to individual plots with 1/3 rented out to a local farmer. There are 36 individual plots with six mini-plots, two half-plots and one full-size plot available to rent.

The 5 members of URCAA's committee manage the allotments at both sites on behalf of the Allotment Trustees. They are responsible for collecting the rents, site maintenance (grass cutting and internal hedgerows), and ensuring that tenants abide by the allotment tenancy rules as well as providing them with support, information on seeds, plants & weed/ vermin control. Meeting approximately twice a year they produce a newsletter to keep tenants aware of any important changes or events, arrange plant-swaps and have organised participation in parish events such as the Open Gardens Day and the Scarecrow competition.

When asked what had first attracted her to allotment life Liz Carter, URCAA's secretary, said; *'The rent was so reasonable, the location was quiet and peaceful – a real chance to get away from the cares of life and re-engage with the soil and nature. We wanted to grow our own fruit and vegetables, to know exactly what we were eating and what chemicals, if any, had been used in their cultivation. An added bonus was meeting new people with similar interests and swapping surplus produce.'*



Trevor Brown has had an allotment at Great Raveley for about 6 years and started because he really liked the idea of growing his own vegetables. His pleasure has not diminished over the years and he says that he still enjoys digging the produce out of the ground as much today as he did when he first started. Trevor finds that as long as it isn't raining it can be really relaxing digging and weeding his plot. The fact that his allotment is at the top of the village on the Huntingdon Road doesn't deter him, but he says that he does need to take his car if he wants to use his rotator! Trevor's most successful crops tend to be potatoes and onions. He would advise anyone who has some spare time to consider having an allotment because of the

satisfaction it gives, not to mention the fresh vegetables.

So if you have some spare time why not invest in an allotment and try for yourself?



Colin is one of the parish's longest, if not the longest, consecutive tenant of an allotment at 39 years. I asked him "What made you start renting an allotment and why have you continued to do so?" *'Being a farmer's son I have always worked on the land and it was a way to get out of the house and in the fresh air. Also our garden was needed for the children to play in.'* "What do you enjoy most?" *'Harvesting and eating the vegetables. Kathy (Colin's wife) freezes a lot and it's great to have your own fruit and veg throughout the year.'* Colin finds that his most successful crops are runner and French beans and strawberries. Initially it cost Colin £5 to rent an allotment for the year and today it costs £15, so it is still good 'value for money'.

John has had had an allotment for 6 years. He started renting one because retirement was looming and he wanted an outdoor hobby. John lives opposite the allotments and this is one aspect he really enjoys. *'I can just pop across for 20 minutes or several hours and access to tools isn't an issue for me'* he said. *Like Trevor and Colin, John gets great satisfaction from harvesting his crops. He said, 'It's a great feeling when you pick an almost perfect cauliflower and know that you have made it possible. It's a lot of hard work and effort but is certainly worth it.'*

Colin and John both had excellent words of advice to anyone wanting to start an allotment:

1. Be patient. Give yourself 3 – 4 years to become established. Planting potatoes in the first year will help break up the soil.
2. Improve the soil by digging in compost etc. You can get it free from the County Council recycling yard.
3. Work on the allotment all the year round, the plants (and weeds) don't stop growing just because you don't go and do some work!
4. Start with a small plot, get on top of that first and then think about increasing the size. Don't be too ambitious at the beginning. Having the time to get to grips with your allotment is vital.
5. Invest in the correct tools – they will make your job easier and more enjoyable.

The committee added that if you don't have a go how can you know the joy of picking your own produce whilst getting some gentle exercise at the same time.



ST PETER'S CHURCH

Strawberry Tea at Josie & Ian's: It was such a lovely afternoon; their garden looked beautiful and the sunshine added to the occasion. Many thanks to Josie, Ian and their helpers for their work and the donation of £111, a third of the proceeds, to the St Peter's.

July School visit: In July Year 1 pupils from Upwood School came to the church and had to find and recognize different parts of the church as well as items laid out especially for them. The week before their visit Gita had explained to them about baptisms and weddings. They were shown the registers, took part in a mock wedding ceremony and heard why the church had two fonts. The children had written bride and groom promises which can now be seen around the church and on the notice board.

Farewell to Gita: Gita's ministry in the Ramsey Benefice ended in July. She had been a key part of the benefice for the last 8 years and has now been called to be the Parish Priest at Christ Church, West Green, North London. All the projects initiated will continue – including the 'Food Bank', the 'Furniture Project' and the 'Café Church'. Food donations can be placed in the basket in St Peter's. Information from Anne-Marie.

Historic Churches Cycle/Stride: Saturday 10 September, 9.30am

On the 10 September, Anne-Marie is organizing a walk in aid of local Historic Churches on the English Heritage List. Half of the sponsorship will go to St Peter's Church, Upwood. The start will be at the Black Bull Pub, Godmanchester. The car park is small so car sharing is advisable. A 9.30 start is suggested as the aim is to visit as many churches in the area as possible. Details will be available from the Cross Keys PH during August. It will not be a difficult walk and will be animal friendly.

If interested contact: **Annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com** or **812195**

Church Roof: No we have not had lead thieves on the church roof; the company 'Award Lead' has been putting new guttering and down pipes in, so with a bit of luck we will now not have water pouring into church when we have a north wind. The 'water goods', the official name for guttering etc., had to be in keeping with the Grade 1 listed status of the building so it wasn't cheap. The total spend for the work was £12,000, paid from the fabric fund. The contractor has done an excellent job and the guttering looks good - if guttering can look good!

ART CLUB EXHIBITION

The Art Club has been invited to hold an exhibition in the St Peter's Church on Saturday, 17 September 10.00-4.30pm

Entrance is free. There will be refreshments and children's activities. Why not come along, admire their talent and maybe even buy a picture?

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

OUR HIGHLIGHTS: As we reflect on the past year, we recall some of the wonderful things we have done at Upwood Primary School, including our fabulous Christmas Play; creating something brilliant from a hard - boiled egg on 'Egg Day' and the amazing dances we performed on May Day, in glorious sunshine. We are all excited about what next year will bring.

FAREWELL! The end of a school year is always tinged with sadness, as our Year 6 pupils leave their primary years behind and move onto secondary school. Year 6 entertained us on their final day with their wonderful Leavers' Concert. This year the pupils performed 'Dick Whittington' to the rest of the school. Well done Year 6.

AND FINALLY...

We wish all members of our school community, pupils, parents, carers and staff a wonderful summer break. Good luck Year 6 as you prepare for secondary school.

UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



On Friday 17 June 19 members of the History Group braved the A1 to travel up to Woolsthorpe Manor, Colsterworth, the birth place of Sir Isaac Newton. They were rewarded with a fascinating tour of the Manor, with extremely helpful and knowledgeable guides, a totally eye-opening account entitled 'Who discovered the telescope?' and of course nearly everyone spent time playing with all the wonderful scientific experiments that Sir Isaac Newton initiated in the Science Discovery Centre. Some of the Upwood Ukuleles even discussed returning to sing 'Don't sit under the apple tree' under a direct descendent of the famous 'Flower of Kent' apple tree, afforded the accolade of directing Newton's thinking on gravity.



After a wonderful few hours everyone went to the White Lion PH in Colsterworth where Dave and his staff managed to serve all 19 of his visitors with a wide range of hot, tasty meals, all at the same time. No mean feat! Everyone agreed that it had been a great trip and Woolsthorpe Manor's certainly a place worth a second visit.

On Wed 20 Jul, one of our regular presenters, Chris Carr from Vivacity, gave us another interesting talk. The subject this time was 'Boudicca - the Creation of Two Empires'. As usual Chris gave us a lively talk which was very well received. The History Group next meets on Wednesday 21 September at 7.45pm in the village hall when the speaker will be Jackie Daniels on the WI. Everyone welcome.

MEET AND MUNCH

Meet and Munch celebrated the Queen's remarkable reign with a very happy lunch party on 2 June. Many of the members are in their ninth decade and, like the Queen, have seen huge changes in the world.

We were pleased to welcome Philip Buttery and his family and friends to the lunch. Peggy Buttery sadly passed away in September 2015 but because her funeral was in Hertfordshire, her friends from Meet and Munch were unable to attend. Philip, her son, wanted to celebrate her life, so before lunch he gave a short eulogy on her achievements. It was delivered with humour using a variety of Peggy's hats! It also gave us a chance to reflect on other members who have also sadly passed away. We would like to thank Philip and his family for the donations from Peggy's funeral which helped to fund the lunch. I am sure Peggy would have approved. Everyone looked fantastic and some wonderful hats were worn. We would also like to thank Year 6 children from Upwood School who had painted amazing portraits of the Queen and these were used to decorate the hall along with bunting and flowers on the tables. Thanks also to all the helpers who helped to make this occasion really special.

Teas continue on 6 August and 3 September. A new schedule for lunches will be sent out after the AGM in September and also included in the next newsletter.

If anyone would like further information about Meet and Munch please contact Jan Howe **814393**

RAMSEY U3A

INDOOR STREET PARTY



Knowing what English summers can be like we decided to hold our street party in the Ramsey Community Centre. The walls were decked with red white and blue bunting plus a large flag with a portrait of the Queen at its centre. Tables were laid out in rows with crisp white tablecloths, plates, napkins and flags to match the occasion. Seventy-five members enjoyed a slide presentation representing each decade of the Queen's life, showing how kitchens have changed, which new cars were launched, how the telephone has evolved and perhaps more importantly when our favourite sweets were first sold. *Did you know that in the 1930's Terry's chocolate apple did not catch on so it was changed to the chocolate orange?* There was a quiz won by Pauline Fountain and a sing-along. The delicious food was supplied by The Rendezvous Cafe and we also had a cake decorated as a Union Flag. Everyone enjoyed themselves and went home clutching flags, cake and fond memories. We next meet on 13 September, 2:00pm at the Ramsey Community Centre when Lida Kindersley will be our speaker. If you are retired or semi-retired you are welcome to join us. Entrance is £2 and tea/coffee and biscuits are provided.

Contact Enid Hubbard, tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk for more information.

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The museum, with exhibits and tea-room, off Wood Lane in Ramsey is open 10am - 5.00pm on Thursdays and 2 - 5.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. Group visits with talks or private events (barbeques. parties, wedding receptions, meetings etc) can be arranged. There are extensive static displays relating to agriculture, horticulture and domestic history, including a restored 'fen cottage'. Social and local history are also well represented within the museum's exhibits.

Recent events have included a rally of miniature steam engines and firefighting, a Murder Mystery Matinee, a concert by the Ramsey Choral Society with the Upwood Ukuleles and The Ramsey Garden Club Show.

The future events include:

Free entry on 20, 21 August during the 1940's weekend at the adjacent camp site

A Jazz and tea afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer on 28 August

Free entry, as part of the Ramsey Heritage trail on National Heritage Day on 11 September

The Annual 'Plough Day' will be held on 25 September

Season closes on 30 October with a food and craft fair.

Contact Ian ian.gaunt@care4free.net, 710702.

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



Club meetings include a variety of talks and demonstrations aimed at everyone who is interested in gardens or plants.

In June Andrew Bannister spoke about orchids and their enormous range and care.

The annual July show was held at Ramsey Rural Museum. This was the 24th show since the group was reformed. The afternoon public viewing was followed by an auction of produce with the presentation of the trophies by Lord De Ramsey. There is no meeting in August.

The next meeting is on 19 September when Michael Warren will give a talk entitled "Through the Year with a Horticulturalist Photographer". On 17 October the talk will be "Garden design - Healing/Therapeutic Gardens" by Paul Herrington whilst on 21 November Robert Brett who is the Curator of the RHS garden at Hyde Hall will discuss "Changing The World through Plants". In September there will be a visit to RHS Wisley. Some places for non-members.

Contact Ian ian.gaunt@care4free.net, 710702.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CLAS) SURVEY

We would like your views to help us shape the future of the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme which helps vulnerable people and families under exceptional pressure who have little or no money.

Please complete our online survey: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OWM84/>

Find out more about the scheme www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/clas

If you have any questions, please email fis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

HACT: Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport offers a pre-bookable, door-to-door service in your area. Their services can be used for shopping, appointments, visiting friends or relatives five days a week, Monday to Fridays. Travel to: St Ives (Mo), Peterborough (Tu), Huntingdon (We), St Neots (Th), Cambourne (Fr). For information or to register call **HACT** on **01480 411114** or contact@hact.gb.com

Other community transport schemes: Please contact your parish council for information on other car schemes in your area.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cft cft@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 0345 045 0675

EAST ANGLIA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICES

EACH is delighted to announce that registration for the first Cambridgeshire Colour Dash on 13 August is open! Colour dashes are the newest craze to hit the UK and see participants race, run/walk/jog around a 5km course as they are showered with clouds of coloured powder – creating truly impressive multi-coloured results!

Participants can register for the event at www.each.org.uk/colour-dashes.

PRIVATE PUMPING STATIONS IN THE PARISH

There may be good news coming for some parishioners if they have a private pumping station on their property.

Currently, homeowners have to spend hundreds of pounds every year for electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs to look after these private pumping stations. They may even have been flooded if it's broken down in the past.

From October 2016, many of these private pumping stations will transfer over to Anglian Water and become their responsibility. They will take over all of the maintenance and the running costs too, saving customers hassle, worry and money. Anglian Water has asked parishioners to get in touch with them if they think there is a private pumping station on their property.

To identify and report the pumping stations see: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk

Questions to privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk and any other queries, please contact their Public Affairs Team on public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk

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
Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
County Councillor	Michael Tew	tew180@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
Cross Keys PH	Hayley Huskinson	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Dave Murray	815071
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Silverstone	812447
Home to Home	Jackie Johnston	711329
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Parish Clerk	Carol Silverstone	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
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	Rebekah Cornthwaite	07714 881806
UVH Performing Arts Events / [act] Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
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