



# Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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## **At The Nene Valley Gliding Club's Open Weekend**

on 3 and 4 September the editors were delighted to meet up with Fairmead resident Mark, aged 20. Despite being his 4<sup>th</sup> flight Mark was still exhilarated when he landed after about a 10 minute flight, saying that the flight was "breath-taking" and he had "seen the parish from a different perspective" to his previous flights. He was lucky enough to "catch a thermal" which saw his craft climbing ever higher.



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# DIARY OF EVENTS: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2016

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
1 Oct	Sat	Meet and Munch	1-2pm	Jan Howe 814393
2 Oct	Sun	Morning Prayer - St Peters Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
3 Oct	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	UVH, Carol 812447
6 Oct	Thurs	Great Fen - AGM	7.30 pm	Countryside Centre 710420
9 Oct	Sun	Harvest Service - St Peters Church	10am	Anne-Marie 812195
9 Oct	Sun	Harvest Lunch	12pm	UVH, AnneMarie, 812195
11 Oct	Tue	U3A – Chris Bell – Storm Chaser	2pm	Community Centre, 815041
14 Oct	Fri	UPA - While & Matthews	7.45pm	UVH, Doug 814114
15 Oct	Sat	Community Orchard Quiz	7pm	UVH, Julia 711388
16 Oct	Sun	Church Service – TBA		Anne-Marie 812195
17 Oct	Mon	Garden Club - Garden Design	7.30pm	Community Centre , Ian 710702
23 Oct	Sun	Holy Communion, St Peters Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
24 Oct	Mon	Home to Home – Sue Stevens	8pm	UVH, Jackie 711329
30 Oct	Sun	Family Communion – St Peters Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
30 Oct	Sun	Rural Museum – Winter Food Fair	11-3	Rural Museum, Ian 710702
3 Nov	Thurs	Great Fen – Polly Howat Talk	7.30pm	Countryside Centre 710420
5 Nov	Sat	Meet and Munch	1-2pm	Jan Howe 814393
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20 Nov	Sun	Morning Prayer – St Peters Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
21 Nov	Mon	Garden Club - AGM + Talk on Hyde Hall	7.30pm	Community Centre, Ian 710702
27 Nov	Sun	Holy Communion – St Peters Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
27 Nov	Sun	UPA - James Hill & Anne Janelle	8pm	UVH, Doug 814114
28 Nov	Mon	Home to Home – Uma Mistry	8pm	UVH, Jackie, 711329
<b>Forthcoming Events</b>				
3 Dec	Sat	Meet and Munch	1-2pm	Jan Howe 814393
10 Dec	Sat	Christmas Tree Festival – St Peters Church	10am-5pm	Anne-Marie 812195
10 Dec	Sat	Choral Society - Messiah		Thomas a Beckett, June 813562
19 Dec	Mon	Home to Home – Ouse Valley Chorus	8pm	UVH, Jackie, 711329
7 Jan 17	Sat	Meet and Munch	1-2pm	Jan Howe 814393
18 Jan 17	Wed	History Group – Peter Haddon – Ramsey Grand	8pm	Andrew 812447

**Deadline for December Newsletter is 15 November 2016**

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 5 September 2016.

Councillors and parishioners were saddened to learn of the tragic and untimely death of Community Speedwatch Coordinator and former councillor, Mr Keith Sisman. Mr Sisman was a great advocate for road safety and was committed to making this community a safer place to live. The vice-chairman paid tribute to Mr Sisman's many and varied talents and interests and reflected on his wry sense of humour. Members of the council expressed their sincere condolences to Mr Sisman's family. He will be greatly missed.

Both Bury and Wistow Community Speedwatch teams reported on the success of their initial roadside surveys and have offered support to Upwood and the Raveleys as it works to re-build and train its own team. Anyone interested in supporting this initiative is invited to contact the parish clerk at [parishclerk@upwood.org](mailto:parishclerk@upwood.org) or on 812447.

The vice-chairman expressed regret that the process agreed at the last meeting to formulate a strategy for the future maintenance of St. Peter's Churchyard did not progress as planned and the preliminary research carried out by Councillor Noble was overtaken by the enthusiasm of a small group of volunteers who have spent considerable time and energy clearing the overgrown areas of the churchyard.

A letter of complaint had been received from a member of the public and a letter of concern had also been received from a parishioner. Three councillors expressed concerns since receiving these letters and since the work has been completed. No further correspondence had been received on the matter but informal comments from parishioners are favourable.

The vice-chairman noted that the controversy caused is regrettable. He asked the clerk to write to the volunteers to thank them for all that they have achieved whilst at the same time explaining that their enthusiasm has seriously compromised the integrity of the council. He added that any future work must only be carried out with the council's express permission following established procedures for democratic decision making. He added that there had been no malicious intent, just over-enthusiasm which the council would wish to nurture but manage more stringently in future.

The clerk was also asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Stuart Bedford of AWO Bedford and Partners for assisting with the disposal of waste at no charge.

The scenario was inflamed and members had been outraged by the publication of an article in the September issue of the Ramsey and Warboys Reporter which was factually incorrect and potentially damaging to the reputation of St. Peter's Church, the Parish Council and Mr Andy Davis, Parish Maintenance Contractor, in addition to undermining

the efforts of the many volunteers who tirelessly work to maintain and improve the aesthetic appearance of this parish. The clerk has written to the editor of the publication, asking that her letter be published in the next edition together with a public apology. The clerk has also written a letter of support to Mr Andy Davis.

Councillor Noble was concerned that her efforts to enlist the views of parishioners for the future maintenance of the churchyard had been negated by the work which has already been carried out. She felt that she had personally let down the people who she had spoken to and who must presumably have felt that their views had been ignored.

Lengthy debate ensued regarding future plans for the maintenance of the churchyard. The vice-chairman summarised this by asking that the remaining rubbish be removed from the site; that any precarious stones be laid safely on the ground; and he advocated that the area should not be allowed to return to its previous state. Councillor Noble was invited to present a strategy for its future management at the next meeting. He added his sincere hope that the parish council can move forward from this episode with clarity and cohesion.

The meeting ended on a positive note with the clerk's announcement that Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council has been successful in its application for the "Quality Award" of the Local Council Award Scheme. The national register, dated August 2016 has yet to be updated, but this currently lists 38 local councils of the 9-10 thousand across England as having achieved "Quality" status. The parish council will be presented with this prestigious award at its meeting on 7 November. Councillors were delighted with this news and thanked the clerk for her efforts to ensure that the council continues to excel in all areas of its business.

*Carol Silverstone*  
*Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer*

## **UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

This excellent facility is under-used and the ideal venue for a variety of regular activities. Table tennis is just one club which has thrived in the hall and there must be many more activities which just require someone to take the initiative. As an example "Curling" can be played indoors using special "stones" aimed at a flat target. The cost to set up is minimal and lane length can be varied to suit the hall. Is anyone interested? Any ideas please to David Williams on 812923

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB (UTTC)

The Wednesday afternoon club has some vacancies for those who want to take up a sport that provides exercise and fun, or simply want to remember their past! UTTC have a strong social side with many activities outside the club. We recently visited Bletchley Park and saw the code breaker's contributions to WW2. Entry was free for club members and included a guided tour of the establishment. Later this year we have the Ladies and Men's singles tournaments where players compete in a "round robin" format to decide who goes forward to the finals, where winners receive the annual trophy and medallions to keep. Nearer Christmas we have club sessions with a party feel where members bring the food and the club provides drink.



We play on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm - all are welcome. For more information, contact David Williams 812923 or email [hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk)

## UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Upwood Primary School pupils and staff enjoyed a lovely summer break, making the most of the wonderful weather. We opened our doors for the beginning of the Autumn term on Monday 5 September, welcoming our new Foundation children to primary school for the first time.

During this term, the school collects toiletries for the residents of Manor House, as part of our work on 'Harvest.' Pupils in Years 2 and 4 will visit Upwood Church and Manor House to take part in a service to celebrate Harvest and to hand over the donations to residents at the home.

All the children have enjoyed the first few weeks of the academic year and look forward to preparing for Christmas in the coming weeks. Our Christmas performance this year focuses on a busy mum, with so much to do before Christmas, who is helped out by her Fairy Clock Mother! Pupils and staff are beginning to think about their class parts in the play.

## MEET & MUNCH



The dates for the Autumn/Winter 'Meet and Munch' meetings are as follows: 1 October, 5 November, 3 December and 7 January 2017. Lunches are from 1 pm till 2 pm. If anyone would like further information about Meet and Munch please contact Jan Howe 814393

**UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD**  
**presents its 3<sup>rd</sup> fund raising**



**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Upwood Village Hall  
7.00 pm for 7.30 start



Tickets £5.00 per person, includes pudding, tea/coffee  
(Please bring your own nibbles, alcohol/soft drinks & glasses)

Teams of **up to 6** per table -Prizes plus Raffle

Tickets from Julia/Paul Evans - Barfield House, 61 High Street, Upwood (next door to the Village Hall)  
Tel. 01487 711388 or  
Email: [quiznight@barfieldhouse.net](mailto:quiznight@barfieldhouse.net)

**RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**



After the summer break, the September meeting was a talk by Michael Warren entitled "Through the Year with a Horticulturalist Photographer". We also had a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Wisley in Surrey. This was even better than the usual as it included the last day of the Wisely garden show.

The 17 October talk will be "Garden design - Healing/Therapeutic Gardens" by Paul Herrington. In November (21) we hold the AGM of the Club and it will be followed by Robert Brett who is the Curator of the RHS garden at Hyde Hall will discuss "Changing The World through Plants". This promises to be a very interesting meeting since Hyde Hall is the nearest Royal Horticultural Society garden to the parish.

The Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of most months. It is aimed at everyone who is interested in gardens or plants. It is not simply for serious gardeners. Visitors to individual meetings are welcomed at a cost of £2 per meeting. The yearly membership subscription is £10. For further information contact Ian Gaunt on 710702 or e-mail [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

**UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 November when Brian Kell will be entertaining us with the history of the Whittlesley Straw Bear Festival. Why not come along at 7.45pm and listen to this talk. Cost for visitors is £3, including refreshments.

## **UVH PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS October 2016—March 2017**



### **Chris While & Julie Matthews**

**Friday 14th October 2016**

£12.50

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. True class!



### **James Hill & Anne Janelle**

**Sunday 27th November 2016**

£13.50

**SORRY, SOLD OUT**



### **Megson**

**Thursday 19th January 2017**

£12.50

Three times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards Megson draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music.



### **Phillip Henry & Hannah Martin**

**Friday 17th February 2017**

£12.50

Best Duo—2014 Radio 2 Folk Awards

Phillip is one of the UK's foremost slide guitar (dobro) and harmonica players whilst Hannah provides powerful vocals, fiddle and banjo.



### **Cardboard Fox**

**Friday 17th March 2017**

£11.00

Winners of the 2015 Spiral Earth Award for Best Debut Act. This young band brought the house down in the Acorn Tent at Folk by the Oak this July so they just had to be booked for UVH there and then!

For tickets contact 01487 814114 / 07709 930398 / [pndmcleod@btinternet.com](mailto:pndmcleod@btinternet.com)

## FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The Community Orchard has been planted on one of the larger allotment plots in Upwood which was unpopular with tenants, mainly due to the dampness of the area. The original idea for the project came from Ali Miles and has been nurtured into existence by Ali, Liz Carter and Julia Evans. They have been guided by Bridget Halford from HDC. The first committee meeting was held in October 2013, but the winter of 2013/14 was so wet that planting had to be postponed several times. However in perfect, sunny conditions on 16 March 2014 the first 15 trees were planted. There was a great turnout with many volunteers helping; one or two of the trees were planted by two or three generations working together. Several of the sponsors were asked to comment on why they had decided to support this parish initiative. (Their responses appear throughout this article.)

*"We sponsored a tree because we wanted to support the legacy of this initiative which will have an enduring environmental, social and cultural impact on this parish for many generations..... The single apple harvested from our tree last autumn was rather tasty!" Carol & Andrew*

The committee was asked why they chose the variety of fruit trees they did to plant in the Community Orchard. *"We had to take several factors into account. Where possible we chose trees with a Cambridgeshire heritage which included apples and gages. Other fruit types, mainly pears and plums, were selected from Bedfordshire. The orchard site is at the bottom of the hill and the ground is prone to water-logging and can be windy so we wanted trees of a certain 'robustness,' as well as a variety of fruit for dessert and culinary uses."*

The fruit yield at the moment is too low for any fruit to be distributed and the committee believes that it will be another couple of years before there is a sufficient harvest for anyone to be receiving the fruit. *"Once a 'harvest' is possible the fruit will go to the community rather than directly to the sponsor. We will organise a celebratory harvest festival with all the produce collected and sold back to the community at rock bottom prices and perhaps some form of extra entertainment, food, apple press etc."*



*"We have sponsored two trees, both in memory of family members. We feel that the orchard is, and will become even more so, a beautiful place to think about them." Paddy & Garth*



It is still early days for the community orchard. A lot of work has been put in to get it going and now people need to be encouraged to visit it. The committee believe that when they start getting an annual harvest it will be a great focal point for the parish. Julia said, *"The orchard has had a great deal of support over the last couple of years, with all 15 of the first trees planted having sponsors. The arrangements for the first*



*planting day were organised by Paul Evans, who also prunes the trees. Ian and Josie Gaunt have kindly donated a lovely wooden bench. Ali and Liz constructed three raised beds around the bench and in the spring they were aglow with little tete-a-tete daffodils. Currently they are full of lavender plants that, when in flower, are humming with bees. The sponsorship labels for the trees were supplied by George Munford, Moss Close".*

*"We both grew up with fruit trees in our garden. When I was small both my grandparents had big gardens full of fruit trees and soft fruit and I could go into the garden and help myself to fruit. Our inscription says 'A tree for future happiness'".*  
Gill & Vic

The Community Orchard's committee have held 2 successful fund-raising quiz evenings; Neil Seabridge has been a wonderful quiz master and excellent raffle prizes have been donated by the village community and local businesses. Jason Edwards has come to the orchard's rescue with his sub-soiler; hugely improving the condition of the soil. The Allotment Association applied for free hedging from the Woodland Trust and the trees left over were used to help define the orchard area with some natural hedging. Keeping the grass cut is quite a challenge but the Parish Council has recently awarded the orchard a grant which will halve their grass-cutting bill in the immediate future.

Julia was asked if there is any way that parishioners can get involved with the Community Orchard project. *"We will always need some help with this project and have pondered on how best to ask for volunteers. Our aim is 'many hands make light work' and we are looking to create a list of 'friends' who we can contact when needed. We will always tailor our request to the sort of work or time that suits any volunteer. In March this year we planted a further 11 trees, 9 of which are still available for sponsorship. It is £25.00 to sponsor a tree. Finally, one of the best ways to support this project is to use it - take 5 minutes when next you can and go sit on the bench, enjoy the view across the parish, listen for a moment to the bees and relax....."*

*Sounds good to me so why not pay a visit to the Orchard soon?*

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH**

### **Historic Churches Cycle/ Stride**

On 10 September, I walked from Godmanchester via Hemingford and Houghton to Huntingdon for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. It rained a lot that day but I enjoyed my walk and visited 10 churches in all, discovering parts of Huntingdon I never knew. However, what I liked the most was the tranquil riverbank from Godmanchester to Houghton Mill through Cow Lane. The churches were all beautiful and welcoming, but very different in design. There was a buzz about the place as the walk coincided with Heritage day and there was a market with crafts and activities. I would like to thank all who have supported this event as we raised £217, of which half will go to St Peter's Church. May be next year, I will cycle! *(Anne-Marie Cracknell)*

### **Wednesday Mornings 8.30am**

We have been running a short service (no more than ½ hour) in the Church for a few months now to pray and support anyone in need. After this some of us have breakfast at the Cross Keys. If anybody wants to join us, you are very welcome.

### **St Peter's Harvest Lunch Sunday 9 October**

On this date we are having a 'bring and share' lunch at 12 noon in the Village Hall after our Harvest Service to celebrate thanksgiving. If you wish to attend, you will need to bring your own drinks and a variety of salads and puddings to share. The church will provide the meat and coffee refreshments. There will be a donation box at the door of the village hall. If you are attending please let Anne-Marie know, e-mail [annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com](mailto:annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com) or 812195.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

This will take place on Saturday 10 December, 10-5pm. More details in the next newsletter.

### **Remembrance Sunday 13 November**

In November we will remember the fallen in both world wars and those who have given their lives that we might live in peace. At St Peter's on the Sunday nearest to the date that these men died we will mention them in our prayers:

**Edgar John WEST** of Great Raveley, who died on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1916 and  
**Frederick James GIDDENS** also of Great Raveley, who died at the Battle of Ancre on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1916.

Edgar West is commemorated at Thiepval and Tony and I put a cross there when we were at the Somme in September to commemorate the death of my maternal grandfather who died on the 15 September 1916.

No doubt a number of you will have seen the article in the September issue of the Ramsey and Warboys Reporter about access to the Church. I wrote to the Editor expressing my concern regarding the untrue statement about not being able to get up the church path to enter the church. As you know St Peter's is open every day and the path way is clear and wheelchair friendly with no steps to manoeuvre. In fact, thanks to Peter Hadden there are beautiful flowerpots lining the path, which have been greatly admired by the visitors and those attending church services. The Editor has apologised and there should be a correction in the October issue.

*Jean Place*

## **HOME TO HOME**

The club began over 30 years ago and to celebrate our anniversary we visited the Great Fen Project down at the Countryside Classroom. We listened to a talk about the development of the Project and watched a film made by students at the Abbey College looking at life in the Fens over the years.

Having had our summer break we continue our programme with:

24 October - Sue Stevens returns with more of her delicious hand-made chocolates.

28 November - we will be banishing the November gloom with a talk/presentation by Uma Mistry on beautiful Indian saris.

19 December - the Ouse Valley Chorus (more details in the next edition).

Our meetings are held on a Monday evening in the village hall and start at 8:00pm. Guests are warmly welcome to come along and join us for an evening. For most meetings we do ask for a £3 entrance but that will include your refreshment. We are always happy to welcome new members and the annual fee is £15.00.

If you would like further information about membership please contact Anne-Marie Cracknell on **812195**

The Great Fen Team will be at the Holme 1940's weekend on 1 and 2 October showcasing artefacts from the Spitfire Excavation. On Thursday 6 October we will host our local group AGM to which everyone is welcome (cost £3 includes glass of wine and nibbles).

On Thursday 3 November we shall host a talk by Polly Howat about frugal food once eaten in the fens called "Everything but the squeal". To keep up with all events and what's happening check out the website [www.greatfen.org.uk](http://www.greatfen.org.uk)

### UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION - AUTUMN ALLOTMENT NEWS



The allotments at Upwood and Gt. Raveley have had an interesting season this year with drought, floods and gales but there are some excellent crops of courgette, squash, beans and tomatoes being harvested at the moment.

The allotment tenancy year runs November to November so we are looking for new tenants to take up plots in the near future. We have mini-plots at the Upwood site, ready to use. These are covered in membrane to inhibit weed growth and are approximately 4.5m x 9m – ideal for the weekend gardener or beginner. Just right for the family or retired couple; we also have a half-plot at Gt. Raveley and one full-size plot (not for the faint-hearted) at Upwood. We are busy converting untenanted plots into mini-plots which are easier to handle. Great for small families – get the children involved in planning and growing their own food or just making mud pies!

Upwood site offers off-road parking, security gates and a water supply via tap and tank. Gt. Raveley has on-road/pull in parking and a water tank. Rents are £7.50 for a mini-plot, £10 for a half plot and £15 for a full plot per year.

OK so there's not a lot to do in November down on the plots – or is there? Digging in manure – excellent exercise! More importantly, planning next year's crops and sorting out your seed order - URCAA in conjunction with Ramsey Horticulture Club can offer discounted seeds. You don't have to limit yourself to veggies, think flowers for summer cutting, soft fruit for puddings and jam or even a mini-orchard. Turn your plot into a garden away from home, somewhere to sit and chill out, nibble some alpine strawberries or crunch a juicy apple.

We can offer lots of advice on what to grow, how to grow it and where to get free stuff – manure, soil improver etc. If you are interested in trying your hand at growing your own do get in touch with Liz Carter (secretary) on **813008** or email [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) or Ali Miles (chairman) email [amiles@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:amiles@gotadsl.co.uk)

## RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The Ramsey Garden Club Show was held at the museum on 30 July. It was a very successful event with about 450 entries and a very good attendance by the public to view the displays. and to take part in an auction. Lord de Ramsey presented the cups and trophies.

The museum was open free of charge for the 40's weekend at the adjacent 'Camp'. From comments by the visitors this added to their enjoyment. A first for the museum was that the site was used for a blessing ceremony and celebration of a marriage using the marquees, the barn, the courtyard and the area around the well. We hosted a Jazz and tea afternoon in support of MacMillan Cancer on 28 August. This was a very enjoyable afternoon and made a significant contribution to a very worthwhile charity.

The museum was open, again with free entry, as part of the Ramsey Heritage trail on National Heritage Day on 13 September and the Annual 'Plough Day and Country Fayre' was held on 25 September. The season will be closed on 30 October with a food and craft fair.

The opening hours are 10am to 5.00pm on Thursdays and 2.00 to 5.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. The museum is also available for private hire and volunteers are prepared to give talks on the museum. If you are interested in volunteering at the museum, please contact Ian Gaunt on **710702**; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

## RAMSEY U3A

Autumn is here and the nights are drawing in which means you might be bored in the afternoons. The U3A provides groups, general meetings and friendship for those who are retired or semi-retired. Our speakers for the next two months will make dull afternoons come alive with stories and life experiences. In October Chris Bell 'Stormchaser' will be explaining his love of storms and weather. You may know him as one of the BBC East weather forecasters. Then in November Richard Westcott is going to delight us with 'Confessions of a Pantomime Dame' which promises to be an afternoon of fun and laughter for all.

If you would like to come along we meet at the Community Centre on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm. A fee of £2 provides you with a great afternoon out and tea and biscuits. If you would like more information about the U3A please look at our website on [www.ramseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.ramseyu3a.org.uk)

## UPWOOD ART GROUP



We meet every Saturday in Upwood Village Hall at 10am. Members either work from suggestions, ideas or arrangements provided, or work on their own projects. There are materials to try, provided free of charge. Come along one morning and meet us, you might be tempted to "HAVE A GO". Believe me it is easier than you might imagine, there is plenty of help and guidance and no 'artyness' at all.

I have worked with lots of groups over the past 35 years and this is without doubt the most fun. So, even if you only drop in for a chat and a cuppa please come and meet us, you might be surprised how much fun art can be!!

There is no cost to visitors and for new members first 3 sessions are without fees. New members are greeted with open arms.

*Fran Ashfield*

## STAGECOACH BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

Bus Service 31: Ramsey-Whittlesey-Peterborough - Revised start and end point (Pondersbridge) - No change to existing times (with effect 17 Oct).

Busway A/B: Huntingdon/St Ives to Cambridge/Trumpington - 08:15 journey (Monday to Friday) between Longstanton and Cambridge rail station now operates 10 minutes later (with effect 16 Oct).

## RENEWAL OF BUS PASSES

The County Council is aware that over the next eighteen months the amount of renewals of the concessionary bus passes is going to be potentially very high. It is the responsibility of the pass holder to check when their pass is up for renewal and then to contact the County Council to get a new one. In order to aid the pass holder, the council have set up a new form which allows people to easily renew online. This online form can be found at **[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/concessionary](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/concessionary)**. If people have any problems with the online form, then they can also call the number on the back of their passes or go to the library where someone will be able to help.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
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Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
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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 Bilverstone	812447
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
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Ann-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A – Ramsey	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
Upwood WEA	Liz Carter	813008
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475

The editors are diligent but regret that they cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or omissions

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH: LATE SUMMER 2016



Harvesting opposite Longholme Road



Art Club Exhibition in St Peter's Church



The Mischa Macpherson Trio at Upwood Village Hall



A glider landing at Nene Valley Gliding Club's Open Weekend



Upwood Ukuleles playing at Ramsey 1940s Weekend