



# Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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## DIARY OF EVENTS FEBRUARY – MARCH 2017

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Every Wednesday at 8.30am there is a short service of morning prayer in St Peter's Church; all welcome				
5 Feb	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
6 Feb	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Clerk: Carol 812447
11 Feb	Sat	Potato Day	10am – 4pm	Ramsey Methodist Hall: Liz 813008
12 Feb	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30	Anne-Marie 812195
14 Feb	Tues	U3A talk – Ramsey Abbey	2pm	Ramsey Community Centre
17 Feb	Fri	UPA. Phillip Henry & Hannah Martin	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 814114
19 Feb	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
20 Feb	Mon	Garden Club; Growing Veg.	7.30pm	Ramsey Community Centre: Ian 710702
21 Feb	Tues	Pancake Coffee Morning	10 - 12	UVH: Anne-Marie 812195
26 Feb	Sun	Holy Communion, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
4 Mar	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	Ramsey St Mary's
5 Mar	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
6 Mar	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Clerk: Carol 812447
8 Mar	Wed	Great Fen film	7.30pm	Countryside Centre, PE26 2RS
11 Mar	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	Cross Keys PH
12 Mar	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
14 Mar	Tues	U3A talk – Great Fen Project	2pm	Ramsey Community Centre
15 Mar	Wed	History Gp AGM & Show & Tell	7.30pm	UVH: Andrew 812447
17 March	Fri	UPA: Cardboard Fox	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 814114
18 Mar	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	UVH: Anne-Marie 812195
19 Mar	Sun	Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
20 Mar	Mon	Garden Club; Beekeeping	7.30pm	Ramsey Community Centre: Ian 710702
24 Mar	Fri	Upwood School: 'Wear something funny for money day'	School day	For Upwood School pupils
25 Mar	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	UVH: Anne-Marie 812195
26 Mar	Sun	Holy Communion, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie 812195
<b>FUTURE EVENTS, 2017</b>				
1 Apr	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	UVH: Anne-Marie 812195
1 Apr	Sat	Rural Museum reopens	2pm	Ian 710702
2 Apr	Sun	Rural Museum – Food & Craft Fair	2pm	Ian 710702
2 Apr	Sun	Ramsey Heritage Day	TBC	
3 Apr	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Clerk: Carol 812447
6 Apr	Thurs	Great Fen - Talk	7.30pm	Countryside Centre, PE26 2RS
8 Apr	Sat	Lent Lunch	12.45pm	Ramsey St Mary's
10, 11 June	Sat, Sun	Flower Festival	TBC	St Peter's Church
11 June	Sun	Upwood Open Gardens & other events	TBC	Around Village

**Deadline for April Newsletter is 15 March 2017**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Meetings of the council were held on 5th December and 9th January at the village hall. Work was approved for the renovation of the base of the village sign and the creation of a flower bed to enable it to be made more appealing to the eye. This follows the planting of the purple flowering crocus corms donated by the Rotary Club of Ramsey outside the main gates at Fairmead, at Farm Close and in Great Raveley and Little Raveley. Further crocus corms have been planted in troughs ready to be transplanted in the churchyard and around the village sign. Several parishioners have written to compliment the work.

The council also reviewed an application from Harlequin Group Ltd. regarding a proposal to install a telephone mast on the cricket field with a view to providing 4G coverage to Upwood in the future. Details of this proposal can be found on the parish website and the Upwood Facebook page.

The maintenance contract together with detailed costings for the “old” cemetery and St. Peter’s Churchyard was reviewed and it was agreed that the parish council would cover the cost of an enhanced service. In time it is intended that all areas of the churchyard are cleared and seeded to allow regular strimming or mowing to take place. It was also agreed that work to make safe the inner wall on the corner of St Peter’s Churchyard will be carried out by two councillors who have volunteered to remove any loose material and return any precarious stonework to ground level.

The trees around the perimeter of the “old” cemetery will be cut back to reveal a number of overgrown graves. Councillor Noble is still keen to recruit volunteers to help clear gravestones of ivy and brambles.

The council’s media policy was reviewed and in light of the council wishing to improve its communication with residents it was agreed that as an initial step, the clerk should set up a “Parish Council” Facebook profile to enable sharing of information via the already thriving community Facebook page. Other “new media” will be discussed at a later date.

Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council agreed to participate in Cambridgeshire County Council’s “Community Gritting Scheme” at its November meeting and has recruited three volunteers to grit the pavements along Bentley Close, Helens Close, High Street, Meadow Road and Ramsey Road (between the entrance to Farm Close and the entrance to Fairmead Park). Additional volunteers are sought to service other areas of the parish. However, the county council have yet to provide the materials and to implement the scheme. Both the clerk and the vice-chairman have followed up on this several times and will continue to do so. Both have expressed concern that the delay imposed by the county council could reflect badly on the parish, especially if a member of the public were to slip on an icy pavement.

**Councillor Howard Smith**  
**Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council**



**FLOWER FESTIVAL  
OPEN GARDENS  
GARAGE SALES  
SCARECROW COMPETITION**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10, 11 JUNE**

St. Peters' Flower Festival

**SUNDAY, 11 JUNE**

Upwood Village Open Gardens

Garage Sales

Scarecrow Competition

St Peter's Flower Festival

Refreshments, raffle and activities in the village hall



**Thinking of opening your garden?** It doesn't have to be large or pristine just needs to have an owner willing to show it off and let people wander around.

**Garage Sales:** Money raised from the 'Garage Sales' can be either for yourself or for village funds.

**Scarecrows:** The scarecrow competition is open to all. One class for under 16s and one for adults.

**The village hall will open all day with various activities, raffle and refreshments**

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND MAKE PLANS NOW FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED - EVERYBODY AND ANYBODY CAN HELP.**

**Further details for anyone interested in taking part in any of these events or passing on ideas of your own**

**PLEASE CONTACT: JOSIE GAUNT: [josephinegaunt@gmail.com](mailto:josephinegaunt@gmail.com), 710702**

## UPWOOD SCHOOL

**Cinderella:** We are all looking forward to our Multicultural Cinderella week, in February. Each class will look at a version of Cinderella set in different countries. The week will link Reading to Geography work.

**Comic Relief:** Upwood Primary School is supporting the work of Comic Relief as one of its chosen charities this academic year. We will be holding a 'Wear Something Funny for Money' day on 24th March. Every member of the school community will be asked to come to school in clothing that would make others smile, for a voluntary donation to Comic Relief. We look forward to seeing some extraordinary outfits worn by both pupils and staff!

**'Bikeability':** Coming up in March, some of our older pupils, will participate in 'Bikeability', a safer cycling scheme. You may see our Year 5 and 6 children cycling around the village soon, putting a bit of practice in!

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

St Peter's church is always open during the day. Services are shown in the 'Diary of Events' but please check the notice-board outside the church in case of changes.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** The day began with the Tower Bell Ringers ringing the bells. The wonderful display was created by a selection of community groups including the Art Club, the Quilting group, Home 2 Home, Upwood Primary School and Small to Tall. The Hand-bell group's playing created a wonderful atmosphere. The festival raised £267 for charity; thanks to everyone involved in the event. The Christmas Tree Festival seems to get better every year. In 2017 the festival will be on 16 December 2017.



**Pancake Coffee Morning:** This favourite village event will soon be here. Come along, meet friends, chat and enjoy a pancake (or two). There will be a choice of different pancake fillings and special children's activities and a raffle.

**Tuesday, 21st February, 10-12am in the Upwood Village Hall.** Tickets £2, under 5s free.

**Lent Lunches:** Lent lunches are on Saturdays during lent from 12.45-2pm and are spread between Ramsey St Marys, Upwood Village Hall and one in the Cross Keys where food at affordable prices will be available and charity donations may be made in the usual way. At lunches in the other venues a variety of homemade soups together with bread, cheese and refreshments are served. Payment is by donation to a nominated charity. This is an occasion to catch up with family and friends. Please support the event.

For more information contact:

Anne-Marie: **812195** or **Annemarie.upwood@btinternet.com**

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – JUDGE’S REPORT

Although honoured to have been asked to judge the entries for the Christmas tree festival for the second year, it was a task I took on with some trepidation. Every year it seems our residents take more time and make more effort bringing together a tremendous array of skills, talents and creativity to produce both traditional and quirky displays.

This year, St. Peter’s Church hosted seventeen entries, all of them unique and all very special. Highlights must include the paper turkey adorning the top of Small to Tall’s “Christmas Feast”; the crocheted snowflakes by the handbell ringers; the knitted Christmas trees by “Open the Book”; the “Sew Christmassy” display of colourful fabrics, buttons and bows by the Upwood Quilters; and Jean Place’s exquisite “Baubles and Beads”. I’m still looking for Paul Rowley’s “Invisible Christmas Tree”!

My task, to choose “the best” adult and child entries was not easy and the results are purely subjective. I looked for evidence of teamwork and community spirit (and this was in abundance!). My final choices were Home to Home’s “Christmas Tea Party” (who’d have thought that so many unique decorations could be made from the simple tea bag?!). My favourite children’s entry was “Do our Best” by Upwood and Bury Beavers who certainly had done their best by decorating their tree with handmade decorations illustrating the vast array of badges and activities on offer to their members.

I’d like to offer my congratulations to all who participated, and my thanks to Anne-Marie Cracknell for organising the event and for helping to make it such a special and social occasion.

**Carol Bilverstone. December 2016**

## RAF UPWOOD



The former RAF Upwood site is now derelict but as it bears the name Upwood it seems right to acknowledge two anniversaries in 2017.

The station first opened as a Royal Flying Corps station in 1917 (100 years ago); this station (possibly know as RFC Bury) was closed in 1919 when the squadrons disbanded.

Expansion of the Air Force in 1934 led to the reactivation of the site with building work starting in 1936 and the station officially opening in January 1937 (80 years ago). Since then Squadrons have come and gone; the grass runway became concrete; aircraft types changed and flying finally ceased in 1961 when it became a training station for non-operational and support units. From 1981 – 2007 the base was used by USAF. More information can be found on [www.rafupwood.co.uk](http://www.rafupwood.co.uk)

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB



UTTC are back in full swing following our Christmas break. 2017 will feature the usual club sessions on Tuesday nights and Wednesday afternoons plus tournaments, coaching and social outings. This year is our 10th anniversary and the club has gone from strength to strength with the excellent support from our membership.

If you fancy a bit of friendly exercise why not join us on one of our sessions.

Contact: **David Williams 812923, [hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk)**

## UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB

**Coaching:** 2017 sees a U13 Joint Venture with Whittlesey Cricket Club. Over recent years our U9 and U11 coaching sessions have been well attended giving a good squad of players to choose from for the games. The step up to U13 cricket requires a full team of 11 and this has been historically hard to achieve so a new joint venture with Whittlesey Cricket Club has been set up for the 2017 season. The two clubs will pool their resources and enter a joint U13 team in the Huntingdonshire Cricket League. There will be joint coaching at Whittlesey Sports Hall for current U13 Upwood players, new juniors from Whittlesey and others looking for quality coaching and games. Coaching will on Monday nights from 5.45 – 6.45pm from 20 February - 3 April. Cost will be £3 a session. Boys & girls from Y7-Y9 or Y6 with cricket experience are welcome.

U11 coaching for any child in Y1-Y6, will be indoors at Ramsey Sports Centre on Sunday afternoon 2-4pm from 26 February – 9 April. Coaching for 'The All Stars Squad' (for novice cricketers) will be from 2 - 2.50pm and for 'The Development Squad' (for children with more sporting experience) will run from 3 - 4pm. Cost £3 per session. All coaches are security checked and ECB qualified and have had a number of years coaching and working with young adults and children.

**Adult Training:** The grown-ups will be training on Monday nights at Whittlesey Sports Centre (Sir Harry Smith Community College) from 7pm - 9pm. This starts on the 6th February and the cost will be £3. All are welcome regardless of ability or experience. Upwood are always looking for new recruits to play in their adult teams which play most Saturday and Sundays during the summer. For any queries about Upwood Cricket please contact: **Neil [npe.tuffin@gmail.com](mailto:npe.tuffin@gmail.com) or on 07968771138.**



**Editor's Note:** Details of events for the next 2 months are always shown in the diary of events on page 2. However, as this is the first edition of 2017 and some groups have sent a list of events for the whole year these have been included.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE UPWOOD UKULELES



As stated on the front of the December 2016 newsletter Upwood Ukuleles has raised over £6000 for Magpas Air Ambulance in just over two years. Now as they enter their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of entertaining local groups the editors thought it would be good to speak to 'Chief Uke Doug' about the success of this group of musically-minded individuals.

*'Why a ukulele club?' was the first question posed. Doug said "I was introduced to the ukulele by a friend who lives in Nottingham when I was staying there and found it to be a fun instrument to play so went to Music Street in Huntingdon and bought one, as you do. (I've learnt that you can never have too many ukuleles and my current count is 3 plus a collapsible one!!!) I then advertised in the newsletter for anyone interested in forming a ukulele club."*

How many people came to the first meeting and has the membership changed much?  
*"I think about 8 people came along. Others had expressed an interest but couldn't come to the first meeting. The membership has largely remained the same with one or two people leaving and others joining in their place. As we meet in each other's houses we decided we had to limit numbers."*

Why did the UpUs start performing in public and where have you played?" *It wasn't my main aim to play in public, In fact I hadn't even considered it until Warboys Day Centre asked us to perform for them in May 2014. We mainly play in the local area although we have gone as far as Wisbech, Peterborough and have appeared on Radio Cambridgeshire 3 years running."*



How do you decide what you are going to play? *"There is a benign dictatorship at work here but I do look at the audience we are playing to and try to tailor the songs to fit. We learn lots of songs but not all of them are used in performances, they are just good fun to play."*





How did Magpas become your charity & how much have you raised so far? *"I had done a photo assignment for the Hunts Post at Magpas HQ, RAF Wyton, and was most impressed. I was also astounded by the fact that it was totally funded through*

*donations so when we started getting requests for gigs I suggested to the group that we adopt Magpas as our charity – as it is one that everyone can relate to."*

Do any other instruments appear in your performances? *"Yes – we have a variety of percussion instruments, harmonica, recorders, and of course the famous kazoo section. However it's the ukulele that remains at the core of everything we play and we have the whole range of ukuleles in the band, from piccolo to bass."*



What do you enjoy most about being part of the Upwood Ukuleles? *"It's great to see how we have progressed as a group and our Thursday evening meetings are terrific fun. First and foremost we play because we enjoy playing; we get on really well as a group of people who have become good friends."*

Finally tell us about the fundraising. *"Following this season's successful Christmas performances where we raised over £2000 our current total is now in excess of £8000. A new venture in 2016 was our Christmas video, It Must Be Santa, which was recorded with Magpas personnel at their RAF Wyton base as well as in the Cross Keys PH. It can still be viewed on You Tube: "Upwood Ukuleles - It Must Be Santa". Online donations can also be made through this channel. We play a whole range of music from George Formby classics to current chart hits so if anyone wants to book us please contact me on **814114** or email **pndmcleod@btinternet.com**"*

## UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



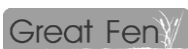
**MYSTERIOUS MUNCHERS:** The winter months down on the allotments are generally a quiet period but something is going on at the Upwood site! Now I may be getting a little paranoid here but something out there appears to have targeted my plot. The first signs of trouble came with the 'beetroot munchers' back in October – probably muntjac deer and OK I didn't particularly want the remains of that crop. But then the leeks were targeted. They were a bit nibbled in November but decimated in December – mere stumps, then the parsnips were chomped and as for the spinach – well, grazed would be a polite term for the damage. To add insult to injury, the mice have been furtively digging up my broad beans, cunningly planted in a cage to keep away the birds. Obviously the Upwood Allotment site has become a wildlife haven cum gourmet restaurant – I shall have to put up my observation hide and have the camera at the ready.

Having had my moan, I wouldn't want anyone to think that it is all doom and gloom on the allotments. Spring is coming, the seed order arrived at the weekend and the allotment book has started a New Year page. Planting plans have been drawn up, disputes over where to put the squash settled and the annual review of tools carried out.

First up will be the Potato Day on 11 February at Huntingdon Methodist Hall from 11 am – 4 pm. Time to browse the varieties on offer and decide what to grow this year.

If you would like to try your hand at 'grow your own' we have mini-plots available at the Upwood site and a half-plot at Gt Raveley. 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, do get in touch:

Liz Carter **813008** or [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) or Ali Miles [amiles@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:amiles@gotadsl.co.uk)



The Great Fen Local Group has these two events in March and early April.

**Film:** Screening of "The Great Fen Spitfire Excavation" DVD

With an introduction by an archaeological project leader.

7.30pm, Wed 8 March. £3. At the Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Chapel Rd, Ramsey Heights PE26 2RS.

**Talk:** Prehistoric Sea Creatures of the Fens

A talk by Naomi Stevenson on the creatures that lived in the Jurassic seas that once covered the Fens. 7.30pm, Thur 6 April. £3. At the Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Chapel Rd, Ramsey Heights PE26 2RS.



## WEA UPWOOD BRANCH

**Spring Study Days:** This Spring rather than have a weekly course in the Upwood Village Hall, the Upwood branch of the WEA will be repeating our popular Study Days.

Saturday 11 March **'WINGS OVER EAST ANGLIA – RAF IN WW2'** with Ian McLachlan. Last year Ian told the story of the USAF in East Anglia – now it's the turn of our RAF. Starts at 10 am with refreshment and lunch breaks, ending 4 pm. This study day will replace the usual Art Club on that Saturday.

Then on Thursday 30th March we have a return visit by the very popular Dr. Wendy Hartnell with her 'follow-up' study day on Climate Change. Last year we looked at modern-day issues; at this spring study day we will consider the historical situation – reported climatic events and their impact upon everyday life then and the implications for us today. **'ANCIENT CLIMATES – HISTORIC CLIMATE EVENTS'**, starting at 10 am and ending at 4 pm with appropriate breaks.

Tea, coffee and cake/biscuits provided but you will need to bring your own lunch. Each study day will cost £19.00. Limited spaces so book early!

To reserve a space contact Liz Carter **813008** or **Liz@backtracks.biz**

## UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

This is the programme for 2017/18. Why not come along - 7.30pm in the village hall.

15 March – AGM and Show and Tell.

17 May – Talk on Norris Museum

19 July – Talk about The Great Whyte, Ramsey

20 September – 'Old Fenland Story Tellers'

15 November – Cambridgeshire Transport from Pony to Guided Bus

17 January, 2018 – 'Boudicca, The Creation of Two Empires'

**Visits:** On 24 June there is visit to Blenheim Palace, by coach. This is being offered to members of groups in the parish first. A visit to Denny Abbey is planned for October.

## RAMSEY U3A

2017 started with a wonderful talk from Jason Middleton about pearls. His excellent presentation included a display of shells and pearl jewellery. On 14 February Clive Beeke, a local historian, will talk about Ramsey Abbey, and on 14 March Mandy Corney, from the Great Fen Project, will show a film about the spitfires found on the fens. Both meetings will be held at the Ramsey Community Centre in Stocking Fen Road at 2:00pm. Visitors are welcome for a 'taster' meeting before deciding whether they would like to join the U3A. The cost is £2 to non-members with tea/coffee and biscuits to end an entertaining afternoon. Retired and semi-retired people are welcome to join us on any second Tuesday of the month for our General Meeting, we hope to see you there this year.

**Enid Hubbard. Chairman, Ramsey and District U3A**

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

This friendly group is for everyone interested in gardens or plants; it is not simply for serious gardeners. The subscription is £10 pa or £2 per meeting.

Events in 2017 include:

20 Feb: Growing vegetables for the Kitchen Garden, David Coop

20 Mar: Beekeeping, Wally Thrale

24 April: Penstemons, Roger Skipper

15 May: Vegetable Topic, Mike Day

19 June: Cut Flowers, Ian Collison

29 July: Annual Show at Rural Museum. Entry open to members and non-members

18 Sept: Bonsais, Graham Benefer

16 Oct: Fungi, Peter Walker

20 Nov: AGM and National Plant Heritage, Richard Gant

TBC: Visit to RHS Garden

For further information contact Ian Gaunt: **710702; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)**.

## RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The Museum is now closed for the winter but work is going on to prepare for the opening. The opening day is Saturday 1 April, with the 'Food and Craft' fair on Sunday 2 April. There will be a wide range of traders and a chance to buy items. The Sunday is the Ramsey

Heritage Day when various sites in the town (including the museum) will be open with free admission. Transport will be available between the various sites.

During the season the opening hours are 10am to 5pm on Thursdays and 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. The museum is available for group visits or private parties at other times by arrangement. The tea room, barn and marquees are available for private events - barbeques, parties, wedding receptions, meetings, photography sessions etc. Volunteers are prepared to visit groups to give talks about the museum.

Displays relate to agriculture and horticulture and domestic history - a restored 'fen cottage', replica Victorian rooms and shops (chemists, village stores and cobblers).

The museum is run entirely by volunteers so new helpers are welcome. Use can be made of any skill including administration and publicity. Volunteers give as little or as much time as they wish. The main day for volunteer work is Thursday although during the open season 'front of house' help is needed when the museum is open to the public. Either come along any Thursday between 9am and 4pm or, for further information contact: **Ian Gaunt 710702 or [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)**

## THIEVES IN THE PARISH



Householders are reminded to be extra vigilant at the moment as thieves are operating in the parish.

Residents have lost, amongst other things, power tools that were inside the house.

You are reminded to make sure that your property is locked up securely – check all doors, windows & rear gateways. Also if you live next door to a house being renovated or one that is temporarily empty please keep an eye on it – your neighbour will be extremely grateful.

If you see anything or anyone suspicious please contact Cambridgeshire Police on 101 or contact Crime Stoppers on 0800555111, where you can give information anonymously.

**HEALTHWATCH CAMBRIDGESHIRE** *Information from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is regularly sent to the newsletter and key information picked out for the newsletter. The village website displays the full information. One of the things highlighted this month was the use of A & E and how to choose the best place for treatment. It's been in the news but here it is again.*

- **Pharmacy** - your pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints without having to wait for a GP appointment.
- **Call NHS 111** - available 24 hours a day and free to call. Connects you with the out of hours doctor service and also provides mental health crisis care if you choose option 2.
- **Your GP surgery** - make an appointment with your GP or telephone for advice for an illness or injury that won't go away.
- **Minor injuries units** - usually a shorter wait for less serious injuries and illnesses that still need to be cared for quickly.

## BUS SERVICE CHANGES

As mentioned in the November issue there are timetable changes to some Stagecoach buses. These affect timings of bus 30 from Ramsey and Busway A. For full details and copies of the timetables for the Stagecoach services please contact them directly on:

**01223 433250, [Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com) or [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)**

## UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2017

**Box Office:** [pndmcleod@btinternet.com](mailto:pndmcleod@btinternet.com) / 07709 930398

**Phillip Henry & Hannah Martin**

**Friday 17th February 2017 at 7.45pm - £12.50**



**Winners of Best Duo—2014 Radio 2 Folk Awards**

When it comes to a distinctive sound, exceptional duo Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin have shown they are in a league of their own. Widely regarded as one of the best slide guitarists in the UK, Lancashire-born multi-instrumentalist Phillip Henry has been described as "one of the most extraordinary musicians around". Henry, who studied in Calcutta with India's premier slide guitarist Debashish

Bhattacharya, is also a virtuoso on the harmonica and brilliant on beatbox harmonica whilst Brixham-born singer-songwriter Hannah, is a skilled fiddler, viola and banjo player with a real lightness of touch, a distinctive voice and a gift for tapping traditional music veins to create contemporary songs.

**Cardboard Fox**

**Friday 17th March 2017 at 7.45pm - £11.00**



Winners of the 2015 Spiral Earth Award for Best Debut, Cardboard Fox are an exciting new four piece with a fast-growing fan base. All four musicians have their roots in bluegrass music but their collective influences reach much further and this shows in their music. Formed in late 2013 in Bath, the band features the sibling harmonies of Charlotte and Laura Carrivick (the Carrivick Sisters) on guitar/vocals and fiddle/vocals respectively, the extraordinary talents of

young mandolin player Joe Tozer and the driving and technically demanding double bass playing and harmony vocals of John Breese. With a focus on original songs with a strong pop sensibility and energetic live shows, this is a group of musicians who are very, very excited about what this line up can create and that's what makes this acoustic quartet so special.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
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	Ann-Marie Cracknell	812195
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	Anne-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
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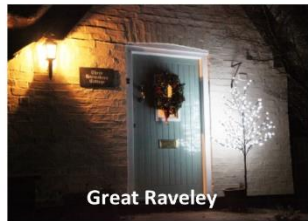
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Little Raveley



Fairmead Park



Great Raveley