



# Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING IN GREAT RAVELEY**



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September saw Lesley's house transformed into a 'pop-up' shop in support of the Macmillan Cancer charity. See page 4 for further details.

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## DIARY OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2018 /JANUARY2019

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
<b>December</b>				
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer	8.30am – 8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly	Wed	Morning Coffee, all welcome	8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Sat	Great Fen - Christmas activities	12-3.30pm	Great Fen classroom
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Sat	Meet & Munch	1.00pm	UVH: Jan 814393
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	UVH: Parish clerk 812447
4 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues/Fri	Upwood Primary School: Christmas production for Foundation children	2pm	Upwood Primary School: 813510
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed/Thurs	Upwood Primary School: Christmas production for Yrs. 1-6	6pm	Upwood Primary School: 813510
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	UPA: Belshazzar's Feast	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 07709 930398
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	Concert by the Bury & Ramsey Concert Band	7.30pm	St Peters church: Anne-Marie - 812195
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sat	The Rotary Club of Ramsey Christmas float tour: Fairmead Park	Around 5.15pm	
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sat	10 O'Clock Curfew Christmas Dance Party	8.00pm	UVH: Kate.James2712@gmail.com/ 815475/ 07377 992099
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sat	Christmas Tree Festival	10-4pm	St Peters church: Anne-Marie - 812195
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sat	The Rotary Club of Ramsey Christmas float tour: Farm Close and village	Around 5.30pm	
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sun	Carol Service	6pm	St Peters church: Anne-Marie - 812195
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Fri	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas Concert	8pm	UVH: Doug 07709 930398
<b>January 2019</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sat	Meet & Munch	1.00pm	UVH: Jan 814393
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7.00pm	UVH : Parish clerk -812447
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sat	Great Fen Winter walk	10-12pm	Woodwalton Fen
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed	WEA New course begins	10.15am	UVH: Liz 0300 303 3464
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed	History group "The History of the Railways in Ramsey".	7.30pm	UVH Andrew - 812447
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Mon	RDGC restarts	7.30pm	RCC: Ian 710702
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon	Home to Home AGM	7.30pm	UVH: Josie 710702
<b>Forthcoming Events</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs	UVHPA: Megson	7.45pm	UVH: Doug 07709 930398

**Deadline for February 2019 Newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

## PARISH COUNCIL



*The chairman, clerk and councillors are delighted to announce that Upwood & The Raveleys has been awarded the prestigious Local Council Award Scheme "Quality Gold" Award. This is the highest award in the scheme and recognizes that the Parish Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. There are 10,000 parish councils in England of which only 37 have achieved the Quality Gold Award.*

**Casual Vacancy** – A vacancy in office of parish councillor has arisen. Please see village website – [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org) or contact the Parish Clerk for further information [parishclerk@upwood.org](mailto:parishclerk@upwood.org)

The HDC Local Plan to 2036 has been submitted for independent examination. Substantial financial challenges are faced in 2019 and beyond by District and County Councils. The Ramsey Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund was undersubscribed for this year. Four planning items were considered. Details can be found on the HDC planning website. Accounts for the past month were approved. The finance working party presented Parish budgets and a business plan for the next 3 years, as well as the precept plan for 2019-20.

An application to the Local Highways Initiative has been made for traffic calming in Great Raveley. The refurbishment of the Public Right of Way from Bentley Close to Upwood Meadows is still awaiting response from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The Youth Involvement Working Party is investigating availability of volunteers for young people events from the Ramsey Timebank. An overarching Young Person's Engagement Strategy is being prepared in line with the Parish business plan.

The Parish maintenance tendering process is underway for Spring 2019. Three quotations have been received. One further quote is expected. A decision will be made at the next meeting. RamShed, expertly assisted by Councillor Garth Slater, have refurbished the Upwood Book Exchange to a high standard. The Exchange is now re-opened for business.

**Community Speed watch** – Speeding is a major issue across the parish. Parishioners are urged to support this initiative which requires teams of three, for hourly sessions held at mutually convenient times at various locations across the parish. Data gathered from these sessions contributes to the decision-making processes of the parish, district and county council with regard to planning and infrastructure developments. Please contact - Councillor Jean Noble on **814356** or at [nimumsum@gmail.com](mailto:nimumsum@gmail.com) for further information.

Detailed information pertaining to the above meeting and all business of the Parish Council may be found at [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org). Please "like" Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council Facebook page for regular updates.

The next meetings will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 & 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

*Helen Nel – Parish Councillor & Vice Chair*

## UPWOOD ART GROUP



The Art Group continues to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

The meetings for December are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please note, there will be no meeting on the first Saturday in January. Meetings for 2019 will therefore commence on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Then February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We are always pleased to welcome new members to come and have a go and offer the first three sessions free of charge.

*Gill Shelford*

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING IN GREAT RAVELEY

Supporting the Macmillan coffee morning has become an annual affair in Great Raveley and the surrounding areas. This year was again a great success and provided not only funds for the worthy charity, but a chance for people to meet and catch up with a cup of freshly brewed coffee and a slice or two of something nice (thank you bakers). The weather was kind to us and therefore provided the added bonus of being able to enjoy drinks outside. This year we added a craft stall to our event alongside the delicious home cooked items, preserves, bring and buy and very popular raffle; we were able to send the Macmillan charity a cheque for £914.21.

We extol our grateful thanks to everyone involved in making it a very enjoyable and successful morning.

*Lesley Gee*



Christmas is coming to Upwood and Home to Home members are busy preparing for the festive season. We had fun at our October meeting when Heather, one of our members, provided all the materials, instructions and help for us to make decorations for our church

festival tree.

Our special November meeting was a sell out and the hall was full of people keen to see Judith Hyde's informative demonstration of Christmas floral arrangements.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> when we will have a party!! January brings our group to the start of the year with our AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It would be good if all those ladies who think they might enjoy joining us made resolutions to try us out in 2019. All visitors and new members are made very welcome.

Wishing You a Happy Christmas and New Year.

*Josie Gaunt*



## UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

### December 2018 / New Year 2019 Programme

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



#### Belshazzar's Feast

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7.45pm £15.00**

Paul Hutchinson (*accordion*) and Paul Sartin (*oboe, violin and vocals*) share a musical passion borne out of the desire to earn sufficient money to support their extravagant lifestyles.



#### Megson

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.45pm £15.00**

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. The husband & wife duo, Debs & Stu Hanna, bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies, driving rhythmic guitars and a northern sense of humour.



#### Miranda Sykes (solo)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 7.45pm £12.50**

Miranda Sykes, the acclaimed singer and bassist with 'Show of Hands' is returning to her roots. After a career spanning over 20 years, during which time she has played with many of the top musicians and singers within the folk world, she will be touring as she started out: one woman, one bass, one guitar and one heavenly voice.



#### FARA

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7.45pm £14.00**

Fara brings together four leading musicians at the forefront of today's Scottish folk scene – Jennifer Austin, Kristan Harvey, Jeana Leslie and Catriona Price's three fiddles and a piano – to produce a fiery sound rooted strongly in their upbringing among the music of Orkney.



## UPWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS



With Christmas fast approaching, the staff of Upwood Primary Academy have lots of exciting events planned to look forward to.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Taking place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.45pm – 5pm. Our Christmas Fayre is always a great occasion with a wonderful festive atmosphere. All monies raised will be used to fund school projects.

### **Christmas Performances**

During the evenings of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December, all pupils from Year 1 – Year 6, will participate in the Upwood Primary Academy Christmas Performance. The play this year is entitled 'The Jolly Christmas Postman,' with the story focusing on a busy postman, travelling through famous nursery rhymes and fairy stories! Foundation pupils will have their own Christmas performance on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of December. The children are very excited about participating in their respective performances.

**Upwood Primary Academy wishes all members of our local community a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Lindsey Clarke*

## UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB



The 1<sup>st</sup> team were in line for a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> place position and an automatic promotion to Hunts League Division 1, but results did not go our way and we finished a tantalising 4<sup>th</sup>. However, like last year league restructuring took place and as a result we gained promotion and will now play in Hunts League Division 1. This will indeed be a challenge but an exciting one that the committee and players are looking forward to.

Due to an increase in our playing base we plan to have two teams out on Saturdays, playing in the Hunts League Division 1 and Division 4, plus a Sunday team playing in Hunts League Division 5. Although the increase to three games a weekend is a big step for any club, we are confident we can fulfil all fixtures. It will involve recruiting some new people; experienced cricketers, social players and those have never played before. We would love to hear from you if you or your child would be interested in playing. Our membership is very cheap at only £10 per season.

The club held its Autumn Working Weekend on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Much was achieved including clearing the ground for the new nets, cleaning BBQs and benches, reseeding bare areas, fixing fittings in the pavilion and a general tidy up. Historically, these days can be poorly attended, but we had a pretty good turnout with 18 members helping at some point during the day.

If you are interested in helping or would like to be involved in any way please contact Neil at [npe.tuffin@gmail.com](mailto:npe.tuffin@gmail.com) or 07968771138 or visit [www.upwood.play-cricket.com](http://www.upwood.play-cricket.com) for more information).

*Neil Tuffin*

## WEA UPWOOD BRANCH



Upwood branch of the WEA is pleased to announce the return of the popular tutor Andrew Sankey in the spring term 2019.

The course will explore gardeners such as Lawrence Johnston at Hidcote, Joseph Paxton at Chatsworth, Henry Hoare at Stourhead, Mr Beaumont at Levens Hall, the Batemans at Biddulph Grange plus others. The talks are very interesting, well illustrated and include maps and plans. As in previous courses with Andrew, it may be possible to add on a visit to one of these famous gardens.

Sessions will last 2 hours, commencing at 10.15am including a refreshment break. The course starts on Wednesday 16 January 2019 and the course fee is £52.00. You can enrol now online by visiting: [enrolonline.wea.org.uk](http://enrolonline.wea.org.uk) putting in the course title and location (Upwood). By phone (Freephone) **0300 303 3464** during office hours or by coming along to the first session.

*Liz Carter*

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The November meeting was the club's AGM when we reported on the previous year and appointed the officers and committee. This was followed by a talk from Geoff Hodge on Greenhouse Gardening. Geoff is an interesting and informative speaker and his talk gave inspiration to those who have greenhouses and, possibly, inspired others to purchase one.

There is no December meeting as it tends to be a busy month so we look forward to a new start on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The regular meetings are held in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of the month. The annual subscription is £10.00, Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at a cost of £2.00 In addition, each year we organise a visit to one of the Royal Horticultural Society gardens and visits to other more local gardens are also arranged. For further information please contact Ian Gaunt (**710702; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)**).

## RAMSEY & DISTRICT U3A

The clocks have been turned back and the evenings are drawing in. So, what does the Ramsey and District U3A have to offer you during the winter months? Most of our interest groups run throughout the winter and hardy souls continue to support our walking and cycling groups even in inclement weather. You can find a list of all our groups at [ramseyu3a.org.uk](http://ramseyu3a.org.uk) and if any take your fancy please contact the groups co-ordinator who will pass your details to the group leader. Please note our December meeting is ticket only.

Have a wonderful Christmas from all at the Ramsey and District U3A.

*Terry and Enid Hubbard*

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CROSS KEYS, UPWOOD

The Cross Key Public House in Upwood village has been under new management since 20<sup>th</sup> July so we thought that it was about time we went to speak to the manager, Paul Hancock, and ask him about his plans for this vital hub of the parish community.



Paul came from Rugby, with over 20 years in the trade behind him, and he viewed the Cross Keys and the local area a couple of times before committing to the pub. Paul said that he thought the pub “looked picturesque and had very good potential.” Once established as the manager Paul looked around the interior and felt that it was “cluttered with dust-collectors” so he decided to

modernise the bar area on the restaurant side of the pub, freeing up more space and freshening- up the place “creating a minimalistic look”. People who have visited the pub seem to appreciate the new look and approve of the refurbished look which marries the traditional with the modern.

Paul is hoping to better utilize the extensive garden and marquee area by creating a patio area with an outside bar. He’s also planning to have a permanent position for the marquee



that can be used throughout the year to stage events. Paul feels that the outside of the pub has massive potential and he is looking to exploit it. One regular feature that is already gaining local support is the charity quiz held on the last Sunday of the month. Teams consist of up to 4 players and at half time hot snacks are available. The quiz starts at 7.30pm and the questions are set by participating teams. The Cross Keys stocks a wide variety of flavoured

gins, has an extensive wine list and has guest ales (which are rotated on a regular basis) which are served alongside the usual beers and lagers. Dogs are welcome in the bar area as long as they are well-behaved and are kept on a lead.

We were talking about being family-friendly and this led onto what is often the most important aspect of running a pub these days – the food. Paul has employed a new chef,





Luke, after taking on board comments from patrons regarding their desire for a more extensive menu.

The new menu, which includes the 2-course blackboard specials from Wednesday to Saturday lunchtime is extensive and is likely to stay very much the same but the Specials Board will regularly change and Paul and Luke are hoping to introduce theme nights. One initiative that has already begun is take-away fish and chips on a Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm. There is a children's menu and a small plate option on many of the main courses. The lunchtime menu is available from 12noon – 2.30pm and the evening menu from 6pm- 9pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday and Saturdays. Sunday lunch is served from 12noon– 4pm. For those with special dietary requirements Paul suggests that you mention them at the time of booking as, although many dietary requirements are already covered within the menu, it's probably best to double-check; it will also give the chef time to adjust a recipe, if necessary. I spoke to Linda and Maggie from Warboys, who had just popped in 'on speck' for lunch and their comments were "just what we wanted, I'll come again" and "it's all been lovely, very good food and prompt service."



With Christmas fast approaching I asked about Paul's plans. Booking will be essential for Christmas Day and already some people have their tables earmarked. The meal will cost £59.95 for 6 courses including a welcome drink. Booking forms are in the pub or on the website. There is going to be a festive menu throughout

December and if you are the leader of a party of 12 or more you will dine free! Please check the website for news re what's happening on New Year's Eve.

The new team of Paul, Luke, Ashleigh, Dawn and the young waitresses is working really well together – they are all very friendly and approachable, and are happy to listen to your comments. Paul hopes that the Cross Keys will be a thriving successful business that offers an excellent service to the community. He has been delighted by the response he has received from locals and really appreciates the support he and his team have received. He welcomes feedback and comments either in person, on the phone (**813384**) or via the website (**[www.thecrosskeys-upwood](http://www.thecrosskeys-upwood)**)

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

Thanks to the temperate weather the beautiful flower tubs which line the path to St Peters are still in bloom as I write, so we can enjoy the churchyard at its best for a little longer.

As ever, hard work by Vernon and Anne-Marie Cracknell ensured that the Church looked its best with mellow strings of lights and candles lit in the choir for an amazing concert held on 4<sup>th</sup> November by Fenharmonic who are a talented quartet of musicians playing violin, viola, cello and clarinet, organised by Ian Rowbotham (viola). The music programme of light classics and opera was a joy for all who were lucky enough to attend. We enjoyed excellent light refreshments and a glass of wine during the interval, which made for an extremely pleasurable evening.



As many will know St Peter's has been running a Breakfast Club after Morning Prayer on a Wednesday morning (there is no membership fee and all are welcome). Thanks to the hard work of Jean and Tony Place, Alex Dyball and the clergy the club has been very well supported and enough money has been raised to buy a 'Tommy' for the Church. For those who are not aware, our 'Tommy' is a figure made from Perspex which now sits in the Church to remind us of the generation of men and women and children who never returned from the battlegrounds and those who did but never recovered, as well as the families who were never the same again.

The service on Remembrance Sunday was led by Vicky Latter, a welcome return as she has not been able to take the services for some time. We missed Michael Perkins who sadly passed away earlier this year, Michael had read the Roll of Honour for many years. This year the duty was conducted by Wing Commander Robin Singleton (retired), who read the Roll of Honour with the same gravitas and dignity which we have come to expect just before the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month, exactly 100 years after the guns fell silent in 1918. Andrew Salisbury then completed the ceremony by playing the Last Post and the Reveille, which began and ended our reflective 2-minute silence.

We look forward to a busy December with a concert by the Bury & Ramsey Concert Band on December 7th at 7-30 pm. They will be playing a selection of mainly Christmas music and this will be open to anyone and will be free of charge. We also remind everyone of the Christmas Tree Festival from 10-4 on December 15th and the Carol Service on December 16th at 6-00pm.

*Josephine Paxton*



## **10 O'CLOCK CURFEW CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY**



**Saturday 15 December  
8pm**

**Upwood Village Hall**

**Tickets £10 + kids free**

**Kate.James2712@gmail.com / 01487 815475 / 07377 992099**

**Ploughman's Supper included—Bring Your Own Drink**

***Dance to music from the 60s & 70s  
up to the present day with your  
favourite local covers band***



### **UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**



#### **ALL QUIET ON THE ALLOTMENT FRONT**

Strolling through the allotments on a misty mild Autumn day, I noted that the season was continuing to change as November progressed. The plants showed more muted colours and the trees in the orchard had shed most of their leaves after strong northerly winds. The former beautiful 'paintbox' hues of leaves are now scattered on the ground, squelching underfoot following recent heavy rain.

Most of the allotments have now been dug to rest over winter and organic materials have been spread to add nutrients and bulk to the soil. Leeks are still flourishing and cabbages have been protected with netting. The more delicate plants have also been covered with material due to recent chilly nights and the promise of frosts to come.



Sadly, it has come to my notice that there have been some unwelcome dog litter found on the allotments. Please could all dog walkers remember that the allotment site at Upwood is a food growing area and not a public dog walking park. Dogs should be kept on the lead at all times and any mess cleared up and disposed of in the dog waste bin at the bottom of Meadow Road or at the top of Ailwine Road. The unfenced grassed area adjacent to the allotments is a tenanted field where the farmer grows organic hay for animal feed and where dogs should not be allowed to go. Please help us keep this area clean for everyone to enjoy—allotmenters and walkers alike.

*Lesley Owen*

## UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

Unusually, we had two recent meetings. In September Dr Mark Knight was due to talk about recent developments at the 'Must Farm' excavations, but was unfortunately marooned on a train. However, we continued with an extremely interesting and informative session where members recalled their young childhood memories. Besides being fun it was an expression of oral social history and proved a very popular experiment. Despite being inordinately busy Dr Mark Knight returned for the very well attended extra October meeting and we were captivated by his update on the Must Farm dig and the further research work being undertaken nationally and internationally. He shared with us the latest knowledge on the foods they ate, the fineness of the cloth worn and how society was ordered. We were extremely privileged to host such a highly regarded archaeologist. We look forward to further updates in the future.

At our November meeting Andrew Tatham gave an interesting talk on his ongoing project "the Regimental Photograph". Our next meeting (16<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm) Allan Holt will speak on "The History of the Railways in Ramsey". Meetings are open to visitors at a modest £4 or you can become a member.

*Mervyn Harvey*

## UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Our 4th fund-raising quiz was great fun and another very successful evening. We've raised a fantastic **£371.00**. Neil Seabridge produced another wicked blend of questions and the kitchen fairies served a wonderful mix of puds during a well-earned half-time break. We were able to offer a great range of raffle prizes thanks to the many kind donations of individuals and also from these local businesses: Bury Cakes and Pies, Edwards of Upwood Farm Shop, Delfland Nurseries, Megaplants of Doddington, Pet Haven in Ramsey and Tesco's Ramsey store.

The orchard is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year now and is fully planted. Some of the trees have produced fruit this year and we were able to include some quince and crab apple jelly, made with orchard fruit, in the raffle prizes.

The winners this year were Postman Pete's team 'Know Eyed Deer' well done!

We are very appreciative of all the help we receive and thanks to the kind support of so many people, from Upwood and the local area, we can continue to maintain and further develop this community project. We couldn't have done any of it without your support

**THANK YOU!**



*Julia Evans*



**FEELING FROSTY IN THE FENS** – Join us for a magical family afternoon of wildlife, Christmas crafts and activities.

Saturday 1st Dec – 12.00 – 3.30pm: The countryside Centre, Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, PE26 2RS. - Entrance fee; £4.00 per child.

**WINTER WALK TO WOODWALTON** – Blow away the cobwebs with a new year winter walk through Woodwalton Fen to the Rothschild Bungalow.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00 – 12.00pm Woodwalton Fen NNR.- Entrance fee: £4.00 per person.

### **RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM**



The museum is now closed for the season until the beginning of April. As far as the volunteers are concerned, this means that we're beginning a massive task. The exhibits have to be cleaned, and where required, reorganised. There is a lot of building maintenance to do as well as developments ready for the new season. We have created quite a long jobs list

We need as many volunteers as possible to make sure that we can get all of the tasks completed. We can use almost any skills and make use of any time you can give, even if it is only a few hours. During the closed season we are at the site on Thursdays from 9.00-5.00pm. We have plenty of tea and coffee breaks and it is a very friendly atmosphere. If you think that you would like to help even for a few hours, come along and talk with us.

During the summer opening season we also need volunteers to cover 'front of house', to interact with the visitors and provide the tea room services.

The museum is open from April to October on Thursdays from 10.00 - 5.00pm, weekend and Bank Holiday afternoons (2.00 - 5.00pm). There is an enormous amount to see and even if you have visited before it is well worth coming again. The tea room is available whenever the museum is open and will make your visit complete. We can open at other times for group visits, including guided visits.

If you would like further information please contact Ian Gaunt **(710702;** [\*\*ian.gaunt@care4free.net\*\*](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF RAMSEY

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October four members from the club spent a morning with the Y6 pupils of Upwood Primary Academy talking about engineering. Following a presentation on the principles of Civil Engineering, the students were given a basic kit to build a scale model bridge suitable for squirrels to cross, which had to withstand the rigours of a hairdryer representing a gale. The teams were marked on aspects of their design, portfolio and teamwork with all of them showing imagination and ingenuity in their designs using nothing more than netting, string, doweling and card. A great morning was had by all.

### **Christmas Float dates: Santa and his elves will be touring:**

Fairmead Park Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at around 5.15pm

Farm Close and village Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December at around 5.30pm

There is a post-box on the float for letters to Santa but please remember to include your address so that he can reply.

## PASSENGER TRANSPORT TEAM

Stagecoach are to alter two of their services from mid-November 2018.

Full details and copies of the timetable can be obtained by contacting Stagecoach directly on **01223 433250** or going to their website **[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)**

Stagecoach have told us that their website will be updated with the new timetables soon. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the passenger transport team.

Phone: **0345 045 0675**

Email: **[passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

Post: **Passenger Transport Team, Box SH1013, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP**

## VISITING SUPPORT SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

This service can provide extra support for older people (65's and over) when most needed; particularly when experiencing a difficult period, such as a bereavement, ill health, financial worries, housing concerns, or perhaps negotiating around complex statutory situations. Available for residents, living in East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

To find out more about the types of support available please contact the team on: -

**01354 776110 / 07976206592** or email **[vssop@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:vssop@ageukcap.org.uk) / [www.agecap.org.uk](http://www.agecap.org.uk)**

*Rebecca Gray, Visiting Support Team Leader*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Gill Shelford	812009
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	Paul Hancock	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Howard Smith	813384
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Bilverstone	812447
High Street Hedgehogs	Jean Noble	814356
Home to Home	Josie Gaunt	710702
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Nene Valley Gliding Club	Peter Valentine	8541653
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	Ian Gaunt	710702
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## UPWOOD UKULELES APPEAR AT THE STABLES, MILTON KEYNES

On 29<sup>th</sup> September Upwood Ukuleles had their most prestigious gig to date – appearing at The Stables, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest ranked concert venue in the country. They were part of a charity evening which also included sets by San Remo, a Milton Keynes based covers band and the girls' choir of Thornton College. The evening was a great success, both musically and financially, with £3,000 being raised, shared between Magpas, Harry's Rainbow and Willen Hospice. Since starting in 2013 the UpU's have raised over £28,000 for Magpas.

