



Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL IS UNVEILED



l to r: Zoe Jenkin(11), Jean Place, Tony Place, Amy Jenkin (8)

On a gloriously sunny afternoon, a very moving ceremony was held on Longholme Road on 7 September to honour 2 airmen who lost their lives in WW1.

Watched by one of the men's wives, they were killed when their FE2b crashed after take-off from Upwood Airfield in September 1918. 80 to 100 people, of all ages attended the service.

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DIARY OF EVENTS: OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2014

| Date | Day | Event | Time | Place / Contact |
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| OCTOBER | | | | |
| 3 Oct | Fri | Carer's Event | 10 am | Marriot Hotel 01480 377616 |
| 3 Oct | Fri | Great Fen AGM plus update | 7.30pm | Countryside Classroom, 710420 |
| 4 Oct | Sat | Meet & Munch | 1pm | Village Hall, Jan 814393 |
| 6 Oct | Mon | Parish Council Meeting | 7pm | Village Hall, Parish Clerk 812447 |
| 12 Oct | Sun | Harvest Festival and Holy Communion | 11am | St Peters Church |
| 19 Oct | Sun | Morning Prayer | 9:30am | St Peters Church |
| 20 Oct | Mon | Garden Club – RHS vegetable trials | 7.30pm | Ramsey Community Centre - Ian 710702 |
| 24 Oct | Fri | Msfits Theatre Co | 7.45pm | Village Hall, Doug 814114 |
| 26 Oct | Sun | Holy Communion | 9:30am | St Peters Church |
| 27 Oct | Mon | Home to Home | 8pm | Village Hall, Jackie 711329 |
| 28 Oct | Tues | Upwood Quilters | 1.30pm | Village Hall, Margaret 814031 |
| 31 Oct | Fri | Halloween Disco | Eve | Cross Keys |
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| 1 Nov | Sat | Meet & Munch | 1pm | Village Hall, Jan 814393 |
| 1 Nov | Sat | Community & Family Fun day | 2-5pm | St Peters Church, Anne-Marie 812195 |
| 3 Nov | Mon | Parish Council Meeting | 7pm | Village Hall, Parish Clerk 812447 |
| 9 Nov | Sun | Holy Communion & Remembrance Sunday | 9:30am | St Peters Church |
| 15 Nov | Sat | Elvis Tribute Night | Eve | Cross Keys |
| 16 Nov | Sun | Morning Prayer | 9:30 | St Peters Church |
| 17 Nov | Mon | Garden Club – AGM plus talk by David White | | Ramsey Community Centre – Ian 710702 |
| 19 Nov | Wed | History Grp -Ermine St Excavations | 7.45pm | Village Hall, Ian 710702 |
| 23 Nov | Sun | Holy Communion | 9:30am | St Peters Church |
| 24 Nov | Mon | Home to Home | 8pm | Village Hall, Jackie 711329 |
| 25 Nov | Tues | Upwood Quilters | 1.30pm | Village Hall, Margaret 814031 |
| 27 Nov | Thur | History Group visit to Longthorpe Tower | Meet at 10.30am | Peterborough, Paul 814707 |
| 29/30 Nov | Sat /Sun | Art Group Exhibition | 10am | Village Hall, Frances 711411 |
| Future Events | | | | |
| 6 Dec | Sat | Meet & Munch | 1pm | Village Hall, Jan 814393 |
| 6 Dec | Sat | School Christmas Fayre | 12:00 | Upwood School |
| 9 Dec | Tues | Carol singing in Upwood Village | 6.30pm | Carol 812447 |
| 16 Dec | Tue | St Agnes Fountain (Sold Out!!!) | 7:45pm | Village Hall, Doug 814114 |
| 18 Dec | Thur | Ukuleles Club Sing-a-long | 7:00pm | Cross Keys, Doug 814114 |
| 14 Jan 15 | Wed | Village Fete Committee meeting | 7:00pm | Cross Keys, Vicky 07824 900821 |

Deadline for the December Issue is 15 November 2014

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome parishioners to the PC meeting on 1st September.

WW1 MEMORIAL: Tony Place reported that the unveiling of the WW1 Memorial will take place as planned at 5.00pm on Sunday 7th September followed by a buffet in the Cross Keys. (This has now taken place and was very well attended.)

SPEEDWATCH: Signs denoting that this is a Speedwatch area have been erected.

STREET LIGHTING: This has now been completed in stages by the specialist teams from Balfour Beatty. Light is mostly directed down towards the road and pavement but there may be a small amount of backward light. Shields can be fitted if residents are affected by this. If villagers have any complaints please let Carol Bilverstone, our Parish Clerk know (by email: parishclerk@upwood.org or in writing to 9, Meadow Road) so that so that she can contact Balfour Beatty.

FLOODLIGHTING ON THE AIRFIELD INDUSTRIAL SITE: Please let the Clerk know if this is still proving a problem in the darker evenings.

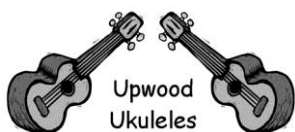
HEALTH HAZARD FOR DOGS: A dog in Wistow has died as a result of eating slug pellets used on farmland.

BONFIRES: Please be aware that bonfire smoke can be a real nuisance at night as well as in daytime. Please check the wind direction before starting a fire and never leave a fire unattended. No fire should be so big that it cannot be put out easily if the wind changes.

BLOCKED ROAD DRAINS: Cambridgeshire County Council has been made aware of the silting up of the drains on Longholme Road but to date we are still awaiting action.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 6 October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

UPWOOD UKULELES



We continue to meet at people's houses every Thursday, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, and once a month in the snug at the Cross Keys. We have also played a few "gigs" and are now busy practising our Christmas repertoire. On Thurs 18 December we will be holding a Christmas sing-along in the Cross Keys – free entry but a charity collection will be held on the night. If you would like to join us or you would like us to entertain you, please contact Doug McLeod 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS & RESPONSIBILITIES

| Councillor's Name | Contact Number | Responsibility |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Jason Edwards | 812266 | Council land let for commercial use; Boundaries, ditches & public rights of way. |
| Fiona Hopkins | 710045 | Community Led Planning; Finance Committee |
| Robin Howe | 814393 | Chairman; Finance Committee |
| Jean Noble | 814356 | Health & Safety, Risk and Assessment; Bentley Close Play Area & Glebe Paddock |
| Jo Paxton | 812138 | Community Relations (with specific responsibility for Upwood Primary School, Farm Close & Fairmead) |
| Andrew Perkins | 812826 | Planning; Parish Tree Warden |
| Gill Shelford | 812009. | Liaison with the Parish newsletter team; Meadow Road Cemetery. |
| Keith Sisman | 710552. | Roads and Road Safety; Grass and hedge cutting. |
| Garth Slater | 812006. | Vice Chairman; Allotments; Finance Committee. |
| Carol Bilverstone | 812447 | Parish Clerk & responsible Financial Officer parishclerk@upwood.org |

UVH PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS



MsFits Theatre Company presents **“Walking On The Roof”**

Friday 24 October – 7.45pm

Tickets: £11.00

Contact: 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

This is a welcome third visit to Upwood Village Hall from Edinburgh's MsFits Theatre Company. “Walking On The Roof” is their latest comedy written as usual by award-winning scriptwriter Rona Munro, with all parts played by the versatile and hilarious Fiona Knowles. Rona Munro is receiving rapturous reviews for her trilogy “The James Plays” which played at the Edinburgh Festival before moving to the Olivier Theatre in London in September.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS FETE COMMITTEE

We are really pleased to announce some **great news** for the village: the village fete will be carrying on due to a new committee being formed at the recent open meeting, held in the Cross Keys.

Chairperson: Hayley Huskinson
Treasurer: Carol Barker
Secretary: Victoria McCaig

The committee members are:

Dawn Bywater, Ben Bywater, Anne Pilkinton, Anne-Marie Cracknell.

We are always looking for new committee members or volunteers to help on the day. The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 Jan at 7.00pm at the Cross Keys Upwood. Anyone interested in helping in any way with next year's fete is very welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN UPDATE

The CLP steering committee are in the process of analysing the data from the completed questionnaires and will publish a summary of the main conclusions in due course. At that point we will seek any further comments that parishioners may wish to make on the conclusions before drawing up the Community Led Plan for Upwood and the Raveleys.

People have expressed an interest about the response rate to the questionnaire. 550 questionnaires were distributed to all households in the parish and the response rate was:

| | Surveys Returned |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Upwood Village | 113 |
| Farm Close | 10 |
| Fairmead | 29 |
| Great Raveley | 17 |
| Little Raveley | 10 |
| Total for the Parish | 179 |

ST PETER'S HANDBELL PLAYERS

We practise every Monday from 7.15 to 9pm and have done so for more than 30 years. Anyone is welcome to come and listen to us practise and new members are always welcome. Our handbells have been kept in wooden boxes, created at the time the bells came from Whitechapel. Recently we purchased a custom-made set of handbell boxes from the foundry since the old ones got too damaged and will have them on display at the Christmas tree festival.

UPWOOD ST PETER'S CHURCH

In July, a special Service was put on in St Peter's to thank Gordon Slinn and wish him and Jane well in his retirement, and to both of them in their new home. Gordon has been a key part of the community in Upwood and a loved member of the church for many years. We thank him for all his pastoral care over the years.

On 5 Sep St Peter's Church was full as family and friends came together to remember Elizabeth 'Libby' Perkins who had died on 22 Aug. One of her granddaughters read the lesson and three of her grandchildren read a poem, while her son, David, told us all about his mother. We, at St Peter's, will miss both her and her flower arrangements at festivals, which always had a touch of the garden flowers she loved so much. We all send our prayers and love to Michael and the family as we remember a lovely lady.

The families of 2nd Lt Parks and 2nd Lt Thompson came to St Peters Church to see their relative's names on the war memorial in the lady altar on the morning of 7 Sept. They were very moved and also very interested in the church. They were wondering if Albert's mother had anything to do with the memorial because she was a sculptor and knew a number of well known artists of that time. We also found out that one of Albert Parks' younger brothers was a padre in the Second World War and had been a vicar in a village near Sandringham and the other brother had been a silversmith; but perhaps one of the most interesting things that we discovered was that Albert had been married for 2 months at the time of his death.

The Ramsey Food Bank has a basket for food donations at the entrance of St Peter's church (a food list is displayed to help you). Donations are taken weekly to Thomas a Becket where a room has been allocated to store the food. Please give generously.

Upwood Harvest Festival will be on 12 October followed by a buffet lunch in the village hall at 12.30pm. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available in the church on 28 September or at the door on the day; £5 adults or £14 family.

Please contact Anne-Marie to let her know if you are coming or if you need more information: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net 812195.

Community & Family Fun Afternoon (Sat 1 Nov 2-5pm) There will be numerous activities for both children and adults (including flower arranging and a candle decorating stall, as well as story-telling, music and brass rubbing). You can try any of these activities whilst having an enjoyable afternoon. Cakes and refreshments will also be available.

If anybody has any other ideas for activities or wants to find out more about the afternoon please contact Anne-Marie Cracknell, (details as above).

Jean Place & Anne Marie Cracknell – church wardens

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (Sat 13 Dec 10 - 4pm)

St Peter's Church would welcome any individual decorated trees to enhance this annual event. There will also be a light-hearted competition to find the best tree. Many of the village groups will be displaying their creations, each advertising their unique community spirit. There will also be some craft stalls at this event. Contact Anne Marie for more details of how to display your tree or to book a space for a stall: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net 812195.



UPWOOD ART GROUP



We celebrated our 14th birthday last month. In August we paid our annual visit to the summer exhibition at the Royal Academy; most members were overwhelmingly unimpressed by the quality of some of the work on display.

We returned with new enthusiasm for our own projects, which people will be able to see (and judge) at the exhibition of the group's work on 29/30 November, in the village hall, from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free and refreshments are available. You will also be able to see some work in progress.

Our Christmas lunch will be on Sat 20 December at the Cross Keys.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



The afternoon outing at Ely was attended by 28 members and a "high tea" enjoyed in the Almonry Tea Rooms. More outings are planned for the future for both Tuesday and Wednesday members. On Tuesday 23 September the club had their first Handicap Doubles Tournament of the season, where 12 pairs were seeded and handicapped to give all competitors an equal chance.

The Wednesday afternoon club continues to thrive but still has vacancies for those preferring daytime Table Tennis. For more information about UTTC ring David Williams on 812923 or email hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk

UPWOOD HONOURS DEAD AIRMEN

Tony Place has lived in Upwood for 37 years and was in the RAF until he retired 26 years ago. Since then he has been an ardent supporter and campaigner for the Royal British Legion. It is totally due to Tony's persistence that the commemorative event on Sunday 7 September to honour 2nd Lt. Thompson & 2nd Lt Parks, the two airmen who died over Upwood airfield during World War 1, took place at all. It has been a real labour of love and brilliantly aided and abetted by Jean, his wife, he has seen this project through from an initial email contact in January 2014 from Lt Thompson's grandson, Ellison Withe, to St Peter's Church asking if anything was happening to commemorate the start of WW1.

The editors went to see Tony two days after the service. He was still elated about the response from the village and was absolutely delighted with how smoothly the whole weekend had turned out.

Are you able to talk us through the process you went through to get the memorial and service a reality rather than just your dream:

"For many years their names have been read out as part the Remembrance Day service in St Peter's and I have put poppies on the two Commonwealth War Graves in the old cemetery. When I saw an article in the Eastern Daily Press about a memorial to two airmen who had lost their lives in a WW2 crash I thought 'If they can do it so can I.' I spoke to various local people and applied to the Parish Council to erect a memorial. Everyone was so supportive and I would particularly like to thank the PC, especially Councillors Keith Sisman and Garth Slater for all their help in bringing this project to fruition.

I had already arranged for Ellison to come to the Remembrance Day Service in St Peter's to hear his grandfather's name read out and then Ellison made contact with Rose Savage, a niece of Lt Parks. Both were very interested in coming to Upwood. Rose actually had her uncle's war record and Ellison had also done a lot of research into his family tree. When I mentioned that I would like to dedicate a memorial stone, sited opposite the end of the original WW1 airfield in memory of their ancestors, they were very touched and felt honoured that it should be done.

The first time Jean & I met with both extended families was on Saturday 6 September at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives, for an evening meal. The choice of venue was rather appropriate since the emblem for the 191 squadron (the squadron both airmen were in at Upwood) is a dolphin.



The memorial has been financed from donations. I am so grateful to, and would like to thank, Swearers for donating the granite stone and financing the engraving, Terry Tye who kindly donated the bricks and Andy Duncan & Mark Attfield who donated their time and energy to construct the memorial. The only expense incurred was for the hospitality at the Cross Keys on the day, which the families and the Parish Council contributed to. Thanks also go to the Cross Keys for their hospitality. The families were also able to see where the men had been billeted; Lt Thompson at 30 High Street and Lt Parks across the road (on the site where Connie Edwards now lives).



The families, Jean and I were all extremely moved that so many people) came to the service, both from the parish and beyond. Tony Perryman, the Huntingdon Branch RAFA Padre, led the service and his wife Margaret read the lesson. I read the 'Act of Remembrance' and Jean a poem by Dr Paul Garber called 'To Fly', while Jack Brooker from Somersham Town Band played the last post and reveille. Paul Hutton & Josh Richardson, two Flying Officers from RAF Wyton, laid a wreath, as did the families, but perhaps the most moving tribute of all was that of Zoe & Amy Jenkin, who of their own accord, picked some flowers in

the morning and asked their grandmother if they could lay them at the memorial, which they did. The sun shining through the flags on the fence just added to the very special atmosphere.

The memorial is there to remind present and future generations of the sacrifice made by our armed forces. I am contacting the War Memorial Register and sending them a photograph so that the information can be included on their website."



Ellison said that the day was 'very, very emotional' for him and it was a day that he will remember for the rest of his life', whilst relatives of 2nd Lt Parks said, 'It was a wonderful surprise to find that the people of the village of Upwood were planning to dedicate a memorial stone to the two airmen who were killed on 7 September 1918, one of whom was our fathers'

brother. We were all very moved by the sincere simplicity of the ceremony, kindness and generosity of the people of Upwood and the tremendous amount of thought, planning and work that had gone into the organisation. What was also overwhelming was the number of people who attended the dedication, for two people they had never known. Our heartfelt thanks go to Tony and Jean Place, but we know that many more people were deeply involved in the planning and the execution of the ceremony. Thank you all.'

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UPWOOD HONOURS DEAD AIRMEN continued

Tony and Jean did a brilliant job realising Tony's dream and they should be really proud of their efforts. Go along to Longholme Road and take a moment for reflection on the sacrifices our ancestors made and our contemporaries continue to make today to keep us safe.

Finally, a quote from Paul Hutton on behalf of the RAF:



'It's an honour to represent the RAF at such events and commemorate the losses that have been suffered both at home as well as overseas. As we train in modern, capable, and safe aircraft based at RAF Wyton it's hard to imagine that nearly a century ago these two pioneering junior officers were risking their lives in such a basic and fragile aircraft at an airstrip not far from here. It's important that as such events fade from living memory we remember their sacrifices with memorials and services such as these. The memorial itself was a tasteful and

fitting tribute to 2nd Lieutenants Parks and Thompson and was a culmination of a great deal of hard work by residents, particularly Tony Place, the families, and local organisations.'

If you would like to read more of the information that the families sent to the editors it can soon be found in the history section of the parish website: www.upwood.org

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL



With the help of grant funding from WREN, the village hall has just completed its 'Roof Insulation Project' which should significantly reduce heat loss through the ceiling in the front hall as well as improving the level of comfort throughout the building. Both halls have also been completely redecorated with the new white ceiling in the front hall providing a feeling of extra light and space in what was previously a rather dark area.

We are now embarking on a programme of replacing the heavy steel-framed chairs with lighter aluminium-framed versions as well as providing some chairs with arms as requested by hall users.

UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS WEBSITE

The villages' website, **www.upwood.org**, contains a wealth of information about what's going on in the parish. You can also view the minutes of parish council meetings as well as previous editions of this newsletter. There is a growing list of contacts for local services, such as plumbers, as well as local organisations, clubs etc. If you would like anything included on this website, or you have problems accessing it, please contact: **webmaster@upwood.org**

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils and staff enjoyed a lovely summer break, making the most of the wonderful weather. Autumn term began on 4 Sep and we welcomed our new Foundation children to the 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.' Years 2 and 4 pupils will visit Upwood Church and Manor House on Tuesday 14th October 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 Christmas celebrations around the world and pupils and staff are beginning to think about their class parts in the play.

THE CROSS KEYS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9th Oct – Charity Quiz organised by St Ives Rotary Club. £3 per person
- 31st Oct - Halloween Disco, fancy dress, party games and prizes.
Prize for the best dressed.
- Bonfire Night – Sorry but no bonfire or firework display
- 15th Nov - Elvis Tribute Night
- Pre-Festive Fayre Christmas menu: This will be available from the
1st to 20th December. 4 courses: £19.95.
- Christmas Day: 5 courses: Adults £55; Children £25
- Menus available from the Cross Keys for both Pre-Festive and Christmas Day
- We hope to see many of you at our events. All enquiries - 813384

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP AND VILLAGE HISTORY PROJECT

The History Group is a friendly group that meets in the Upwood Village Hall on the third Wednesday of alternate months. The meeting in September was a talk by Andrew Tatham entitled “A Group Photograph – Before, Now and In-Between”. This evening exploring his great-grandfather’s WW1 regimental photograph was totally fascinating. The time Andrew has spent researching and recording the lives of the 46 people pictured in this photograph is incredible; he held us spellbound for over one and a half hours as he detailed in words and animation his discoveries. This has to have been one of the best talks we have had the pleasure of experiencing. In November (19) the talk will be on a more local theme with a discussion about new discoveries at the Ermine Street Excavations.

Visits are also organised to sites of interest either locally or by travelling a little further to enjoy the delights of surrounding counties. Annual membership is £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at a cost of £3.

Edwardian Upwood: This on-going project, exploring records to discover more about the life of the parish in 1910 is always looking for more information and volunteers. We are also developing a time-line chart of the villages and are interested in anything that happened back to the medieval period but also more recent events. If you have any information, however minor, please let us know. Such information could be when your house was built or the local businesses you know about. We think that it is important to get this data recorded. Anything you can add would be very valuable.

For further information on any of the above please contact Ian Gaunt on 710702 or ian.gaunt@care4free.net

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of most months, with a variety of talks and demonstrations. It is aimed at everyone who is interested in gardens or plants, not just for experienced gardeners.

We started again in September with a talk on ‘soft fruit’. October’s talk will be on “RHS Vegetable Trials” given by Mike Day. In November we hold our AGM followed by a talk by David White who will be describing his time at the Royal Parks, No 10 Downing Street, Clarence House and Buckingham Palace. Annual membership of the Club costs £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at £2. For further information please contact Ian Gaunt on 710702 or ian.gaunt@care4free.net



UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



Following on from our grant from the Community Chest Fund earlier this summer, the Upwood & Raveleys Community Allotments Association is delighted to announce that our application to the Woodland Trust for a hedgerow pack has been approved. We will be receiving our large pack of hedging trees in November. There will be a mix of native trees specially designed for hedging including blackthorn, hawthorn, rowan and oak, supplied as whips of between 20 and 40 cm high. These will be used to repair the existing hedgerow in Meadow Road, especially near the junction with the Huntingdon Road and to replace missing hedgerow on the Huntingdon Road. Watch this space for a planting date later in the winter when everyone will be welcome to help.

MEET & MUNCH

After the summer months when we served afternoon teas, the Meet and Munch team are looking forward to meeting up with members again and serving hot lunches in the Village Hall from 1pm – 2.30pm.

We shall be meeting on the following dates: 4 October, 1 November and 6 December.

The person that members of Meet & Munch need to contact has just changed. After several years Mags is taking a well-earned break from organising the club (although members will be pleased to hear she is still one of the helpers) so for current members, and if anyone else is interested in joining the group and would like more details, please don't hesitate to contact me, **Jan Howe on 814393**.

UPWOOD ART GROUP EXHIBITION

SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH NOVEMBER

10AM TO 4PM.

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL.

Refreshments available

HOME TO HOME

Home to Home is a women's group which meets on the last Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. The emphasis of the group is to have fun! Anyone is welcome to come along as a visitor to enjoy an evening of talks, demonstrations or activities and we aim to interest women of all ages. You might even want to become a member!

Our AmDram evening held in July was a runaway success and we have arranged for the same company to come again on 15 December, when there will be a Christmas theme, with audience participation. Following the success of our spring fashion show we have arranged another one which will be featuring autumn/winter clothing, to be held on Monday 24th November. We have already had a great deal of interest in this event and tickets will be available on the night for non-members at a cost of £3.00 (members automatically get a free ticket) but strictly on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your ticket now, please send an email to cpstev@yahoo.co.uk stating your name and the number of tickets required.

Our most recent meeting was on Monday 29 September and was an extraordinary general meeting followed by one of Ann's very popular quizzes. Cheese and wine was served. During the meeting on 27 October Sue Stevens will be demonstrating her lovely, tasty chocolates, with plenty of retail opportunity afterwards.

For more information, please telephone Jackie 711329.

NEW - CAFÉ SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA IN RAMSEY

A new support group for people with dementia is being launched by Alzheimer's Society in Ramsey. The new dementia café will provide an opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to socialise and get much needed face to face support. It provides people with dementia and carers a platform to talk openly about living with dementia within a relaxed and informal environment. The group will also hear from a variety of guest speakers, including health and social care professionals and representatives from the local community, about topics and services relevant to them.

The Ramsey Dementia Café will run on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am to 12 noon at the Community Room, Rainbow surgery, Stocking Fen Rd Ramsey. Free parking and refreshments are available but people are asked to make a donation of £2. As well as the dementia café, Alzheimer's Society runs a number of services in Cambridgeshire including a dementia support service, peer support groups and Dementia Advisor service. For more information contact Wendy Dunn on 01480 415235 or on wendy.dunn@alzheimers.org.uk

GREAT FEN LOCAL GROUP

The Annual General Meeting, with a talk on the progress of Great Fen, will take place at 7.30pm, Fri 3 Oct at the Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights. All are welcome. The cost is £3 (refreshments provided). Tel 710420 or info@greatfen.org.uk

CHANGES TO STAGECOACH BUS ROUTES

Route No 45 (Huntingdon – St Ives) - 18:45 and 19:15 now operate 5 minutes later (with effect from 1 September).

Busway A & B (Huntingdon – St Ives – Cambridge) - A waiting time at Huntingdon bus station has been introduced for B journeys starting or ending at Huntingdon rail station or Hinchbrook Hospital. Arrival times at the rail station and hospital are now 6 minutes later; departure times from the rail station and hospital are now 8 minutes later, (wef 1 Sep).

Busway A - 06:49 journey between Brampton and Cambridge now ends at Regent Street, not the rail station. Busway A - 07:02 journey between St Ives and Cambridge now ends at Regent Street, not the rail station. Busway A - New 08:18 and 08:33 journeys between Oakington and Cambridge rail station, (wef 7 September)

Busway B (Huntingdon – Peterborough) - Busway Changes to route in Huntingdon – now uses Edison Bell Way to serve Huntingdon rail station then George Street and Walden Road. No longer serves St John's Street, Cromwell Walk, Brookside, Nursery Road, Riverside Road or Castle Moat Road. No impact on departure times, (wef 1 September).

The editors received the following letter from one of the parishioners about the Cross Keys PH:

'Everyone appeared very upset when the pub closed. Without it many village activities were curtailed and the Village Fete doomed. Around the country 30 pubs a week are closing never to open again. So we were lucky when someone purchased ours and reopened. One doesn't need to be a drinker to frequent the Keys, why not pop in for a coffee and chat? You know the saying "If you don't use it, you lose it" and like the church it is part of the history of our village. We won't get a second chance.'

Frances Ashfield

UPWOOD CHARITY CAROL SINGING

Save the date: Tuesday 9 December

Contact Carol Bilverstone on 812447, cpbilverstone@tiscali.co.uk

More details in the December edition of this newsletter

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

| Organisation | Contact | Telephone |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| Art Group | Frances Ashfield | 711411 |
| Book Lovers Group | Liz Carter | 813008 |
| Brownies | Louise Jackson | 079211 97850 |
| Community Bus Co-ordinator | Dave Blandford | 711330 |
| 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 |
| History Group | Ian Gaunt | 710702 |
| Home to Home | Anne-Marie Cracknell Jackie Johnston | 812195 711329 |
| Meet and Munch | Jan Howe | 814393 |
| Parish Clerk (inc Allotments) | 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 |
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