



# Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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Upwood resident Margaret Hand celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Amongst the many cards was one from HM Queen Elizabeth II. She attributes her long life to hard work and good friends. Margaret would like to thank all the people of Upwood & the Raveleys who kindly sent her cards and good wishes.

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## DIARY OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2020 / MARCH 2020

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
Weekly	Mon/ Fri	Seated Exercise	9.15am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com
Weekly	Tues & Wed	Upwood Table Tennis Club	7.30pm - 2pm	UVH: Jack 711511
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer	8.30am – 8.50am	UVH: Jean 813742
Weekly	Wed	Breakfast Club, all welcome	9am	UVH: Jean 813742
<b>February</b>				
<b>31 Jan</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>*Parish Council Meeting* DATE CHANGE</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>UVH: Carol 812447</b>
1 Feb	Sat	Meet & Munch	1pm	UVH: 814393
6 Feb	Thurs	UPA: Ninebarrow	7.45pm	Box Office: Doug 07709 930398 pndmcleod@btinternet.com
14 Feb	Fri	10 O'clock Curfew Valentines Dance	7.30pm	UVH: 07377 992099 curfew@gmx.com
15 Feb	Sat	U10 Cricket coaching 1 <sup>st</sup> session	6.30pm	The Peterborough School: Neil 079687 71138
17 Feb	Mon	Garden Club: P Walker Wildflowers & their habitats in Cambs	7.30pm	R. Community Centre: Ian 710702
18 Feb	Tues	Pancake coffee morning	10.30 – 12.30pm	UVH: Anne-Marie 812195
19 Feb	Wed	Great Fen: Fantastic Watery World	1.00pm - 3.30pm	info@greatfen.org.uk
21 Feb	Fri	U9 Cricket coaching 1 <sup>st</sup> session	8pm	One Leisure Ramsey: Neil 079687 71138
24 Feb	Mon	Home to Home – AGM & Food Bank	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline 814114
25 Feb	Tues	Craft and Chat	1.30 - 4pm	UVH: Heather 814432
29 Feb – 4 Apr	Sat	Saturday Lent Lunches	<b>See notice board for venue &amp; times. Anne-Marie 812195</b>	
<b>March</b>				
2 March	Mon	Parish Council	7pm	UVH: Carol 812447
15 March	Sun	Rev Richard Darmody – last service	10.00am	St Thomas a Becket
16 March	Mon	Garden Club: Death in the Garden	7.30pm	RCC: Ian 710702
18 March	Wed	History Group: Dews Coaches	7.30pm	UVH: Ian 710219
22 March	Sun	Gt Fen: Mothering Sun Tea & Stroll	2 - 4pm	info@greatfen.org.uk
27 March	Fri	UPA: Daoiri Farrel	7.45pm	Box Office: Doug 07709 930398 pndmcleod@btinternet.com
28 March	Sat	Choral society: Evening of Jazz	TBC	St Mary M, Wistow: June 813562
30 March	Mon	Home to Home: visit to HLC	2.30pm	Pauline 814114
<b>Forthcoming Events</b>				
4 Apr	Sat	Ramsey Rural Museum reopens	2- 5pm	RRM: Ian 710702
5Apr	Sun	RRM: Craft and Food Fair	11-3pm	RRM: Ian 710702

**Deadline for the April 2020 Newsletter is 13<sup>th</sup> March2020**

The parish council met in Upwood Village Hall on 2nd December and 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Councillors:** The parish council has one vacancy. Please apply to the parish clerk or contact one of the parish councillors for further information.

**SIDs November:** SID 1 was positioned in Great Raveley to monitor vehicles approaching from Woodwalton. 28.12% were in violation of the 30mph speed limit. 878 vehicles were recorded travelling between 40 and 50mph and 11 between 51 and 59 mph. Sid 2 was positioned on the junction of Meadow Road and Huntingdon Road, to monitor traffic approaching from Great Raveley. 13.57% were in violation of the 40mph speed limit with 45 vehicles registering speeds between 70 and 85mph. A request will be made for mobile police speed cameras to be deployed on this section of the road.

**SIDs December:** SID 1 was positioned in Little Raveley to monitor vehicles approaching from Huntingdon Road. 0.32% of vehicles exceeded the 30mph speed limit. 8 of these were recorded travelling at speeds of 37 and 38 mph. SID 2 was placed on Longholme Road to monitor vehicles approaching from Ramsey Heights. 19.57% were in violation of the 40mph speed limit. 53 vehicles were recorded travelling at speeds between 60 and 70mph.

**Community Speedwatch:** If you can spare an hour from time to time to assist with this, please contact the parish clerk.

**Defibrillator:** The parish council has accepted the generous donation of a defibrillator by the owner of the Cross Keys. The British Heart Foundation confirms that *“for every minute someone is in cardiac arrest without CPR and access to a defibrillator, their chances of survival drops by up to 10%. Having a public access defibrillator available in an emergency can be life-saving, especially in rural areas”*. All agreed that a single device will not be helpful for those more than a few minutes away, but that this should not stop the parish council from taking its first step toward such provision. Although a defibrillator does not require particular skills or knowledge, all councillors have been asked to attend training in its use; and training will also be offered to all interested residents. The location of the defibrillator will be confirmed.

**Youth Activities:** The parish council has agreed in principle to provide six “Active Lives” sports sessions for children during the summer holidays but it needs to seek funding and partnership opportunities. Please contact the clerk if you would be interested in sponsoring this initiative. Councillors also agreed to pursue options to outsource provision of a “pop-up” style youth club with a view to launching a project in the spring or early summer.

**Litter:** Councillor Noble reported on her latest effort to collect litter around Upwood village. This resulted in two full black dustbin sacks containing crisp packets, sweet wrappers, cigarette packets, 3 wine bottles, 8 waxed cardboard drinks beakers with

plastic lids (courtesy of a local fast food chain), 26 plastic bottles and 36 cans. She noted that additional litter has gathered in ditches which are beyond her reach. Councillors thanked Councillor Noble for her ongoing commitment, noting that such activity is above and beyond the responsibilities of a local councillor. A community litter picking event will take place in the spring. Further details are to follow.

**Future Meetings:** \*FRIDAY 31 JANUARY\*, 02 March. All are welcome to attend.

*Detailed information pertaining to the business of the parish council may be found at [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org). Please "like" the parish council's facebook page for regular updates.*

*Carol Bilverstone. Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer*

## HOME TO HOME



Elizabeth Clark amazed our members in November with her dexterity and ingenuity recycling newspapers and magazines into wastepaper baskets,

bird 'scarers' and boxes of all shapes and sizes to name but a few. She explained how she had developed her techniques through 'trial and error' and how her hobby had taken over her home. Many of us bought early Christmas presents.

December is our, now traditional, 'bring and share' Christmas party – the buffet table was so laden with wonderful food that we had to get out extra tables! The committee had done a wonderful job setting a very festive table and providing an evening of friendship and fun. February will be our AGM, followed by a talk from Judith Hyde and Jo Paxton about the Ramsey Food Bank. New members and visitors are always very welcome. In March we will be visiting local firm HLC to find out more about how their business operates.

For more details of this ladies group please contact **Pauline 814114** or email [pndmcleod@btinternet.com](mailto:pndmcleod@btinternet.com)

## CRAFT AND CHAT

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month in Upwood Village Hall from 1.30pm - 4pm. As our name suggests we bring along our latest craft project and chat whilst we knit, sew, cut-out etc. This year we are hoping to arrange a visit or two to craft or quilting fayres as well as doing a group project on a theme yet to be chosen by the members. We pay an annual membership fee and use a rota for members to supply the monthly refreshments. If you are interested in joining this group, or finding out more about us before you commit to joining, just come to the Village Hall for one of our monthly meetings or contact **Heather 814432**.

## UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEY'S HISTORY GROUP

The group meets in the Village Hall and has a varied programme of events and visits. At the November meeting Becky Proctor from the Papworth Trust gave a fascinating talk about the facilities, the people and work over the past 100 years. She led us through its early spartan days of living in small wooden huts (in line with the belief that exposure to fresh air was a powerful curative process in the fight against respiratory disease), early heart and lung transplants concluding with the recently opened ultra-modern facility, based on the Addenbrooks site.

### Planned Programme for 2020

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Dews Coaches	Simon Dew
20 <sup>th</sup> May	USAF Base, Brampton in WWII	Jeff Hawley
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Kimbolton School and Castle	Organiser Mike Quincey
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reading between the Lines	Liz Carter
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	A14 Dig: Saxon and Medieval Finds	Emma West
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Update on Must Farm	Mark Knight

The September and November meetings continue themes from talks in 2019.

We welcome new members and visitors. Membership is £10 for the year with visitors paying £4 per session inclusive of refreshment. **Contact Ian Gaunt 710702**

*Mervyn Harvey, for Programme Committee*

**1920s Themed VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**

**7:30pm 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Upwood Village Hall**

Live music from 10 O'Clock Curfew, playing a mix of your favourite dance music from the last few decades, plus a few with a 1920s twist!

Raid the charity shop, or your granny's wardrobe and come in character!

Tickets in advance only: £18

Ticket price includes freshly cooked wood fired pizza (prepared by The Crown, Broughton), Salad and New York Cheesecake. Bring your own drinks.

07377 992099 or [curfew@gmx.com](mailto:curfew@gmx.com)

10oclockcurfew.co.uk

HARRY'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

## UPWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed the children back after the Christmas holidays. There is always so much to look forward to in Spring term including: fundraising activities for the NSPCC; World Book Day celebrations and a visit from 'The Travelling Tuba' company. This musical duo demonstrates to the children a wide range of instruments from all over the world and, excitingly, this year the children will have the opportunity to try out some of the instruments.

In March some of our older pupils will be participating in 'Bikeability', a safer cycling scheme. You may see some of our Year 5 and 6 children cycling around the village, putting in a bit of practice! Please be extra vigilant when driving round the parish.

School website: [www.upa.education](http://www.upa.education)

*Lindsey Clarke, Deputy Head*

Great Fen 

Email for all events: [Info@greatfen.org.uk](mailto:Info@greatfen.org.uk)

### What's happening at the Great Fen?

With the festive period over, January seems so dull and dark. There really does need to be something to look forward to. Why not come to one of our events or just take the time to have a quiet walk around any of our reserves?

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 'Fentastic' Watery World** at Ramsey Heights Countryside Centre, Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights. A family event discovering the wonderful diversity and intrigue of the world's Wetland Habitats.

Time: 1-3.30pm Price/donation: £5 per child

### **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea and Stroll**

Ramsey Heights Countryside Centre, Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, PE26 2RS

Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday with a lovely afternoon tea in the Ramsey Heights Countryside Centre followed by a guided walk around the Ramsey Heights reserve looking for early signs of spring, the perfect gift for nature loving mums and their families. Time: 2-4pm Price/donation: £10 per person

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Rothschild's Bungalow Open Day**

Woodwalton Fen Nature Reserve, Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, PE26 2RS

A rare chance to visit the Rothschild's bungalow at Woodwalton Fen, following the footsteps of Sir Charles Rothschild, founder of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts. Join the Great Fen team and members of the Heritage group at the Bungalow and see inside this historic building, which was purchased by Sir Charles Rothschild in 1910. The bungalow, built on stilts, was his summer retreat. Imagine the discussions he had with peers about nature conservation! Members of the Heritage group will give insight into the history of the building and the Great Fen area.

Meeting point: Rothschild's Bungalow Time: 10.30am – 3pm. Free admission.

## MEET & MUNCH



As we begin a new decade, I realise that Meet and Munch is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. What is remarkable is that half of our present volunteers were instrumental in starting and running the group in 1995 and still continue to prepare delicious teas and lunches. Moreover, some of the ladies, who helped from the very beginning, have now hung up their aprons and can sit back and enjoy the food and camaraderie.

Meet & Munch will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 1pm as usual and then take a break during March and April because Lent Lunches will be served in the Village Hall. However, Meet & Munch will be back serving teas on the first Saturday of the month starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

It would be wonderful to welcome new members and volunteers, so why not try something new in the new decade and come along to Meet & Munch. Wishing you all a happy, healthy New Year. For more details please contact **Jan 814393**.

*Jan Howe*

## RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



We had a break from our usual meetings in December and therefore have made a new start at the beginning of 2020. The first meeting of the year, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, was a talk by Trevor Peacock on 'Plant Breeding'.

On 17<sup>th</sup> February the meeting will be a talk on 'Wild flowers and their habitats in Cambridgeshire' by Peter Walker. The local content of this talk means it promises to be of wide interest and hopefully will attract non-members. The talk on 16<sup>th</sup> March is by Michael Brown with the unusual title of 'Death in the garden'. It is not a new Agatha Christie story but a review of poisonous plants!

On 20<sup>th</sup> April we will hear about 'Bee keeping' from Sue Jakeman. Although this is not the usual sort of topic of plants or techniques, it is clearly a subject that is very important to gardeners.

The Garden Club is a friendly group that provides a range of talks and demonstrations on many aspects of plants and topics related to gardening as can be seen from the details above. As well as the monthly meetings we arrange visits to gardens, particularly those of the Royal Horticultural Society, and hold the Annual Show in July at the Ramsey Rural Museum.

The club's regular meetings are held in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of the month. The annual subscription is £10. Visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings at a cost of £2.

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

*Ian Gaunt*

# THE 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: DECEMBER 14TH 2019



A Books Tree by Up Good Book Exchange



Penguins' Party by Busy Bees Nursery



With Bells On by Up Good Book Exchange



Beaded Trees and Elves by Jean Place



By Lantern Light  
By Home 2 Home



Rings on her fingers  
Bells on her toes  
She shall have music  
from the trees  
Rings On Her Fingers and Bells On Her Toes  
by Upwood Handbells

Photos: Thanks to Esther Rowley, Vernon Cracknell & Christine Ellington



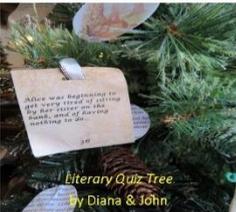
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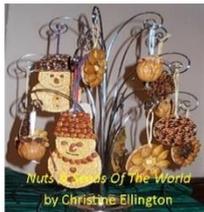
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By Royal Oak Close



Love Around The World  
by Anne-Marie Cracknell



Literary Quiz Tree  
by Diana & John



Nuts & Dried Fruits Of The World  
by Christine Ellington



Save The World  
by Jean Noble



Celebrate  
by Anne-Marie Cracknell



In A Minute by  
Upwood Primary 4 Academy



My Thank You  
by Josie Gaunt



A Decade Of December  
by Upwood Small To Let

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The Christmas period is always a busy and exciting one in the church year. This December we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> year for our Annual Christmas Tree Festival. The Church looked truly magnificent, full of beautifully decorated trees. This event is no longer a competition as such diverse and creative ideas made the choosing the 'best' tree impossible. A huge thank you to all our wonderful contributors. Once again in 2019 visitors could browse an array of interesting stalls, a mix of new and old favourites, offering an opportunity to find unusual Christmas presents. There was of course the usual range of cakes, mince pies, fruit punch, tea and coffee. A very successful day.

The following Monday was a sad occasion when the funeral of Tony Stringfellow was held; a popular and long-term resident. There was not a spare seat in the church - a wonderful tribute to a man who had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He will be sadly missed. Queenie and his children and grandchildren are in our prayers.

The church was full for the annual Carol Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Neville Palmer and members of the choir from St Thomas a Becket joined us adding some beautiful descants to popular carols. It was a pleasure to welcome families and children in a wonderful celebration of the Christmas Story. Rev Darmody and his wife June joined us. This was their last Christmas here. Richard will be retiring in March. His last service in the Benefice will be on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 at St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey.

We were fortunate that Rev. Fred Kilner could lead us in the celebration of midnight communion on Christmas Eve.

The popular Breakfast Club (at 9am) is held after Morning Prayer (at 8.30am) on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall. Come along and enjoy coffee, tea, bacon/egg rolls, toasted teacakes and the chance to chat with friends and neighbours.

Lent begins in February. Our Pancake Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall **not on Shrove Tuesday but on Tuesday February 18th** to coincide with half-term, from 10-30am to 12 noon and includes activities for children, a raffle, cake stall and a 'bring and buy' table.

Lent Lunches start on Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> In Upwood Village Hall and continue through to April 4<sup>th</sup>. Some lunches will be held at St Mary's – see notice board for venues.

*Jo Paxton*

## KEEP IN TOUCH

In the St Peter's article above, Tony's funeral is mentioned. Queenie now lives in The Red House in Ramsey and is feeling out of touch. She would love to see people and hear news of Upwood. She liked the idea of us mentioning this in the newsletter, so please do go along with a bit of gossip and a friendly face to brighten up her day. Delivery to Queenie of this newsletter and the Link magazine have already been organised.

## RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The museum is closed to the public until 4<sup>th</sup> April. On the following day we will hold a Food and Craft Fair as part of the Ramsey Heritage Day. On that day the Museum will be open without charge, so why not come along and visit the museum and buy some items from the wonderful traders. The tea room will be open

so you can have a relaxing tea and cake.

From 4<sup>th</sup> April until the end of October we are open on Thursdays (10am to 5pm) and on Saturday afternoons, Sunday afternoons and Bank Holiday afternoons (2pm to 5pm). There is an enormous amount to see so, even if you have visited before, it is well worth another visit. The tea room and gift shop are open whenever the museum is open and will make your visit complete. We can open at other times for group visits with refreshments and guided tours if required.

During the closed season there is a great deal of work to do to get ready for the opening. There is cleaning of the various areas and reorganising of the displays. To carry out this work and to run the museum during the summer we need more volunteers. We can utilise any skills. Our most urgent need is for volunteers for manning the museum when it is open at the weekends. Training for these roles will be given. The aim is that no individual will be called on more than once a month and whatever time that you can give will be welcome.

In addition, there are a number of specific roles that we need to fill:

- A museum chairman/ manager –mainly a communications role
- A treasurer
- A team to maintain and manage the marquees that we use for various events
- A volunteer to assist with running events
- A volunteer to monitor and arrange grants from various sources.

Why not come along and talk to us and maybe join the friendly group of volunteers. If you would like further information about any of the events or volunteering please contact **Ian Gaunt 710702; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)** *Ian Gaunt*

## RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

Are you still undecided on a new year challenge in 2020? Do you like singing? Then how about coming and joining us? We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm at Ramsey Junior School. We've just started rehearsing for our spring concert, An Evening of Jazz. Why not come for a couple of taster sessions, no audition required. We're a very friendly bunch. *Lynne Paul*

## **THE BOOK EXCHANGE** (located in the Upwood phone box) by *Judith Harvey*

One of the Upwood book groups had a 'Talk About Books You Have Read Recently' evening. Lots of the books read had passed through the Upwood Book Exchange. Its stock changes on a regular basis - new books arrive and others are taken out. If you haven't visited please do - a treasure awaits! Here's a sample of some of the books:

**People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.** *Fictional story of an Australian book conservator who travels to Sarajevo to restore the Haggadah. It pieces together her discoveries and creates a fictional history that spans 500 years.*

**Exposure by Helen Dunmore.** *A fictional 'cold war' espionage tale set in the 1960s at a time of major tensions and fears of 'reds under the bed'.*

**The Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys.** *Written as a prequel to Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre it describes the background to Mr Rochester's marriage.*

**The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes.** *An old portrait links two girls a century apart one in WW1 France and the other in the present day.*

**The Vanishing act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell.** *A great aunt in a psychiatric unit is about to be released. Her niece has never heard of her.*

**The Last Runaway by Tracey Chevalier.** *A Quaker girl from Dorset settles in Ohio. The book covers the themes of slavery and resistance with a touch of Quakers and quilts.*

**Traces by Prof Patricia Wiltshire.** *A memoir of a forensic scientist and criminal investigator. Did you know that it's possible to get a clear fingerprint of an environment from pollen to spores to microscopic material, tying a landscape to a specific place?*

## **UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB**



December and January are the quietest months for the cricket club. The previous season has long finished and the ground and pavilion have been "put to bed" for winter. The ground is too wet to do any work on except to keep the leaves and debris off the practice surfaces. However, plans for the new year are slowly developing and it is important that we now do as much preliminary and preparatory work as possible.

**Junior Coaching:** Prior to our summer coaching programme we are going to run a number of winter/spring sessions indoors (these may be subject to changes):

### **Under 9 and under (School Year 1 to 4)**

Every Friday from 21st Feb to 3rd April 7 to 8 pm. At One Leisure Ramsey. Cost will be £4 a session or £24 for all sessions.

### **Under 10 to under 15 (School Year 5 to 10)**

Every Saturday from 15th Feb to 4th April 5 to 6.30 pm (NOT including 29<sup>th</sup> February). At The Peterborough School. Cost will be £5 a session or £30 for all sessions. Everyone is welcome regardless of experience or level. For more information contact: Neil at [npe.tuffin@gmail.com](mailto:npe.tuffin@gmail.com) or on 07968771138 or visit [www.upwood.play-cricket.com](http://www.upwood.play-cricket.com)

## UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



As we welcome in a new decade, I wonder whether you have made a resolution to develop green fingers and learn new skills this year?

Perhaps you've decided to shed the Christmas pounds for good by developing a healthier lifestyle with a change in diet and an increase in exercise. After a pretty dreadful autumn of heavy rainfall, the new year has started on a fairly mild note, nevertheless windy with heavy rainfall. Although we often moan about our weather, at least we

should be grateful that we do not have to experience the appalling climatic and weather conditions experienced in Australia.

There are currently several reasonably priced plots of varying sizes to rent from the Community Allotment Association. With the warm sun on your back, fresh air and exercise too, think of the joy you will feel as new life begins and your carefully cultivated seedlings develop. If you are interested in renting one of the plots, please contact our Secretary, Liz Carter.

Several of the vacant plots on the site have been covered with sheeting to prevent weed growth whereas many occupied plots have been treated to a good covering of organic manure; both are surface treatments. Soil improvers have also been added to increase bulk and texture in preparation for planting seedlings later on. Somehow, I never seem to predict weather changes very well and, as a fair-weather gardener, I often fail to clear my plot of decaying material in time for seasonal changes. I really should take a leaf out of more hardened allotment holders and resolve to tackle my plot in good time and in earnest whilst the weather is reasonably good. Now, of course, my wellies would sink into the soil after so much rainfall.

Sadly, my chard (which I rather neglected) has provided a tasty treat for hungry bunnies. It has reminded me that everything needs to be covered and protected from birds and animals during the following year! There are some hardy leeks and what appear to be tiny onions growing too. Rhubarb has started to sprout but I daresay within a couple of weeks all growth will come to a halt as the weather forecast predicts a change to colder conditions for a while. Brrrr! Roll on Spring! For now: I'll just browse through the seed catalogues and dream of a cheerful new start!

**For more information contact: Secretary, Liz Carter, 813008**

*Lesley Owen*

## CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The next concert will be an 'Evening of Jazz' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary Magdalene Church, Warboys. The concert will include 'Little Jazz Mass' by Bob Chilcott, a selection of show music by Rodgers and Hammerstein and 'Songs and Sonnets' by George Shearing. The church only seats 80 so early booking is recommended.

Tickets cost £12, please contact **June 813562** if interested.

## UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

There are 3 cracking concerts coming up between now and June. You will find more details about each one below. The booking process tends to run about a year ahead of the actual concerts, so we already know that we will be putting on a great series of concerts in Autumn 2020 featuring Hannah Rarity (Sept), FARA (Oct), Granny's Attic (Nov) and Melrose Quartet (Dec/Christmas).



On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** there is the welcome return of **Ninebarrow**. They are a multi-award-winning folk duo from Dorset, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. Tickets for this concert are **£14.00**.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** is a date to put in your diary to come along and see one of Ireland's top folk singers – **Daoiri** (pronounced "Derry") **Farrell**. Dublin-born Daoiri has been described by some of the biggest names in Irish folk music as one of the most important singers to come out of Ireland in recent years. Tickets for this concert are **£15.00**.



We are delighted to announce that **Chris & Kellie While** will be appearing at UVH on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Mother and daughter, Chris and Kellie, rarely get to perform together these days due to Chris' commitments with Julie Matthews and Kellie's work as Head of 7digital Creative. They both possess sublime voices which blend together effortlessly as well as both being accomplished guitarists. Tickets for this concert are **£14.00**.

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

## THANK YOU

A special thanks to Doug for arranging the Performing Arts Events. Doug manages to bring together a varied programme and, with Pauline, runs the background organisation, including feeding & accommodating the artistes. It all leads to a series of enjoyable evenings. Come along, give it a try! The 'set up crew' sort the seats and stage, the 'raffle elves' sell tickets and distribute the prizes whilst Geoff and Tim man the lighting and sound. THANKS TO ALL.

*Judith Harvey*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Gill Shelford	812009
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
Chairman of Parish Council	Robin Howe	814393
Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
County Councillor	Terry Rogers	rogers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
District Councillors	Jill Tavener / Graham Bull	jill.tavener@huntingdonshire.gov.uk graham.bull@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702
Home to Home	Pauline McLeod	814114
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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