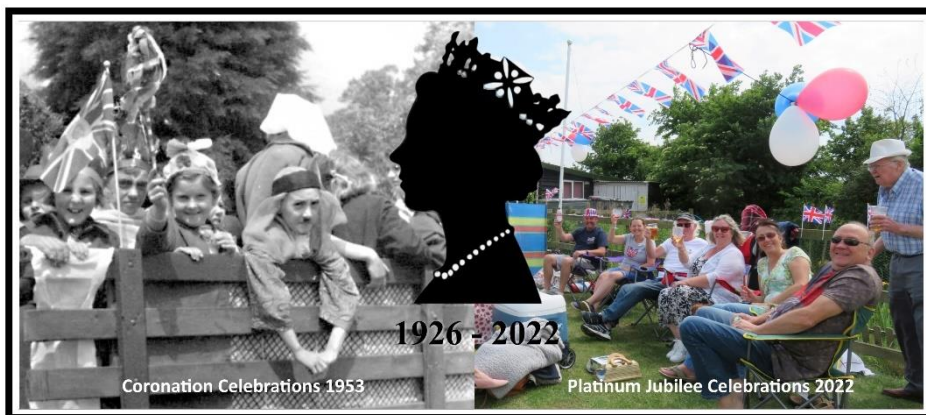




Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

October 2022 Issue 118

R.I.P. YOUR MAJESTY



The members of the newsletter team would like to extend their profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the Royal Family.

Diary of Events	p2	A letter from the newsletter chairman	p3
Seated Exercise news	p3	St Peter's news	p5
Parish Photo Quiz	p8&9	Upwood Primary Academy news	p12
Business Directory	p14	Groups & Societies	p 4, 6,7, 10, 11, 13
Who's Who	p15	St Peter's Breakfast Club	p16

DIARY OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2022 /NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
Weekly	Sun	Church Services: venue, time and type of service varies	Varies	See Church notice board
Weekly	Tues & Fri	Seated Exercise	9.30am	UVH: info@oakactivities.com 07342036029
Weekly	Wed	Upwood Table Tennis Club	2.30pm	UVH: Jack 711511
Weekly	Wed	Morning Prayer followed by Breakfast Club	9.00am 9.30am	St Peter's: Jean 813742 Cross Keys
Weekly (term-time only)	Fri	Great Fen: Little Bugs @ the Countryside Centre, Ramsey Heights	10.30 – 12 noon	GF: www.wildlifebcn.org/events or call 710420
October				
3 rd	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Silverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
15 th	Sat	Choral Society Concert	7.30pm	St Thomas a Becket
16 th	Sun	St Peters Harvest Festival	9.30am	St Peter's: Jean 813742
17 th	Mon	Ramsey Garden Club. Propagation and Growing Herbs. Zsuzana Serer	7.30pm	Ian Gaunt 710702
25 th	Tues	Craft and Chat	2pm	UVH: Heather:814432
31 st	Mon	Home to Home: Great Fen & BCN talk	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline 814114
November				
7 th	Mon	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Carol Silverstone: 07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
16 th	Wed	Local History: Maurice Hanslow	7.30pm	Ian Gaunt: 710702
28 th	Mon	Home to Home: members' evening	7.30pm	UVH: Pauline: 814114
29 th	Tues	Craft and Chat	2pm	UVH: Heather: 814432
Forthcoming Events - December				
16 th	Fri	Upwood Ukuleles Christmas concert in UVH	7.30pm	Doug: 07709930398
17 th	Sat			

Deadline for the December 2022 Newsletter is 15th November 2022

If you run a club or society, please send us your contact details and meeting times and we will publish them for you.

Printed by: Parrot Print Ltd, Unit 21 Highlode Industrial Estate, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey PE26 2RB; 01487 711107, email: rb@parrotprint.co.uk, www.parrotprint.co.uk

A LETTER FROM THE NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN



Dear Readers,

I am writing to inform you that the newsletter committee has reluctantly decided that the next edition of the newsletter will be its last. The committee is in the process of winding up its affairs and, once completed, will cease to exist. Any money left in the newsletter account will then be transferred to the parish council, in accordance with the newsletter's constitution.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in making the newsletter the success it so obviously has been. It has taken a team of volunteers from 24 households to produce and distribute each of the 119 editions as well as our wonderful contributors who have constantly provided the editors with interesting articles and information. Thank you to all of you.

This has not been an easy decision to make, especially as two of the committee, myself and Geoff Carrington, were part of the original group of parishioners who started the newsletter back in 2002. However, 20 years on, we feel that a printed newsletter in its current form has ceased to be relevant to many parishioners and the last edition will be No.119 December 2022.

Thank you for all your support through the years.

Kind regards,

Doug McLeod

Chairman, Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

SEATED EXERCISE IN UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL



This popular fitness class is once again going to be happening twice a week under the expert guidance of Tom Milner, the founder of Oak Activities. Following the cessation of sessions during the pandemic classes started up again earlier this year, but only once a week. However, circumstances have changed and, to the delight of the participants, seated exercise can revert back to every Tuesday and Friday morning in the village hall, starting at 9.30am. If you are interested in joining this lively group, please contact Tom on **07342036029** and he will be delighted to give you more details



Unfortunately, we had to postpone Esther's visit to us in July due to the extreme heat, but we are very hopeful of being able to re-arrange what we know will be a very interesting presentation and "have a

go" in the near future.

Our September meeting was the final celebratory event of our 40th anniversary year and we joined forces with the Craft and Chat group to visit Carriages in Fenstanton for afternoon tea and a lot of chat!

Hopefully we won't be seeing any ghosts in the village hall on October 31st but we will be welcoming Sara Hennessy, the Wildlife Communities manager from the Great Fen and BCN Wildlife Trust. We are anticipating a very interesting talk so why not come along and listen to what is happening right on our doorsteps?

28th November is a Members' Evening (but visitors and guests are welcome) when we hope to be creating our decorations for the welcome return of the Christmas Tree festival in St Peter's church.

All meetings start at 7.30pm, with the doors opening at 7.15pm. Refreshments are served on arrival by the committee. Currently the annual membership is £25, with guests and visitors being asked to contribute £4 towards the general outgoings of the club. For further information please contact me:

Pauline **814114** or **pndmcleod@btinternet.com**

RAMSEY VOLUNTEER CENTRE

This vital community service run by volunteers is based in the Methodist Church, High Street, Ramsey. It is open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome to use its services. You can contact the centre on **814117**.

Marie Webb, one of the organisers said, "You may be familiar with the centre, and our car scheme. The scheme is run by volunteer administrators and drivers for the benefit of the local community. It is becoming increasingly popular, and a number of our clients tell us that they wouldn't be able to get around without the service provided."

The centre is hoping to recruit additional volunteer drivers as they are currently experiencing a shortage. If you are able to help, please contact the centre on the above number – you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

There will be more information on the Ramsey Volunteer Centre in the next newsletter from Marie.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

All church services begin at 9.30 unless otherwise specified on the church noticeboard. Please double-check before attending, as services times may need to change at short notice.

The glorious weather, with which we have been blessed this summer, has warmed the stones of St Peter's, making the weekly Morning Prayer service held on Wednesday mornings, and our Sunday worship an enjoyable (and warmer!) time for the congregation. But it has not been so good for either the grass in the churchyard or those glorious tubs of flowers so carefully planted and tended by Peter Haddon. However, thanks to the church water butts and those welcome overnight showers, they have survived in all their glory and, as St Peters was the venue for a wedding in August, they formed a beautiful framework both to the church door and both sides of the pathway. The couple chose to be married at St Peters because both the bride's mother and her grandmother had been married there. It was certainly a joyful occasion, with the bells ringing out in celebration

It has been really wonderful that following the Wednesday Morning prayer we are able to have our Breakfast Club at the Cross Keys. Our thanks go to Gary who opens up at 9.30am for anyone who wishes to join those who have attended the service for bacon /egg rolls or toasted teacakes with tea or coffee at very reasonable prices. It is lovely to see so many friends, both two and four legged, as the pub is dog-friendly, and to be able to sit either inside or outside. The Breakfast Club is open to anyone who would like to join in and it has been a real pleasure to see so many new faces.

It has been lovely to welcome our new Curate, Maggie Tate Druiff, who took her first service at St Peters on September 11th. She has moved here with her husband, Toby, and has joined the Rector in our Ministry Team.

It would not be possible to write this without mentioning the overwhelming sadness which we have all felt at the loss of Her Majesty the Queen. It was so very moving to see the flag on the flagpole at Church Cottage being flown at half mast, our thanks must go to David Perkins for this. Robin Singleton has put a book of Condolence in St Peters. The church is open daily for private prayer and the opportunity to write in the book. The Rector took an extremely moving service of reflection on Her Majesty's years of faithful service on September 9th in St Thomas a Becket which was very well attended. We have been truly blessed to have lived so long in the reign of this amazing lady and we send our New King every good wish for the future.

Jo Paxton

IT'S ALL ABOUT US!

Don't forget that Dee Smith is still looking for volunteers to be part of a Parish Social Committee – she's hoping to get events going again in the parish following the pandemic. Contact her either by emailing **dgas@btinternet.com** or ringing **711999**.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

The Upwood Local History Group meets every 2 months on the third Wednesday of the month. We welcome new members and anyone who only wants to attend a particular talk. You can just turn up on a meeting night and you will be made very welcome. There is an annual membership fee if you wish to become a member, or you can pay for the particular evening you attend. Talks in 2022 have covered: WWI in Ramsey, the Private Life of Cromwell, the history behind the Great Fen Project and Medieval Medicine.

The talk about the Great Fen was the last talk given by Mandy Corney before her retirement. It was fascinating to hear about the early days and progression of the project and see some familiar faces from the past on the video made in the early days of the project. See P7 for a little more about Mandy.

Members will be notified by email of programme details. The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 16 November when Maurice Hanslow will talk about Houghton Village and its mill.

Group visits are also organised. In August this year the group visited Thorney Museum and Church.

For further information please contact Ian Gaunt **710702**

Mervyn Harvey



As I write this article our country is in mourning. Ramsey Choral Society returned from its summer break to the very sad news that our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II had passed away. We all arrived at our rehearsal in shock, not really wanting to sing. After sharing our thoughts, we felt encouraged that our dedicated Queen would have wanted us to continue with our rehearsal and we went ahead rehearsing for our forthcoming concert, 'To

Sing with Heart and Voice'. Originally it was intended to be a continuation of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The concert will now be dedicated to our glorious Queen's reign with a collection of music for royal occasions - including Handel's Coronation Anthems, John Rutter's 'This is the Day', commissioned by Westminster Abbey for the wedding of the now Prince and Princess of Wales, Stanford's 'Te Deum' and other triumphant pieces. Please join us at St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey, on Saturday 15th October, 7:30pm.

*Tickets are £12.50 and can be obtained by ringing **813562** or from Sue Ryder Ramsey.*

Lynne Paul

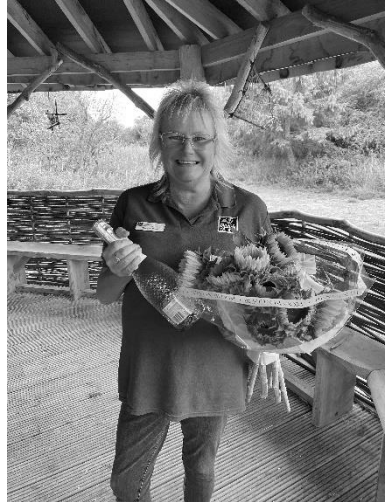


**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

As we said farewell to summer, we also bid an emotional farewell to our

incredible team member Mandy Corney, who has taken a well-earned retirement after 13 wonderful years with the Wildlife Trust BCN and the Great Fen. We're sure many of you will have enjoyed meeting Mandy at local events and talks and will join us in wishing her a very happy retirement. Three cheers for Mandy! Hip, hip...

This month we're welcoming back our Wildlife Watch families to discover everything amazing about autumn. Join us to discover mammal tracks, check our trail cameras and open the moth trap. We will also create wildlife art using



materials foraged from the site. 'Little Bugs' continues on Fridays for curious pre-school children (remember to try out a week free on us) and in half term we will be back with another brilliant family event. Take a look online at what's coming up and find your perfect day out in the Great Fen. Remember to sign up for The Big Wild Walk too, the Wildlife Trusts' national fundraising event where participants will be sponsored to walk 30km over a week or 3km for young children. Help us achieve 30% of our land and sea protected and connected for nature by 2030.

Book all our events online at **www.wildlifebcn.org/events** or call **710420** for more information. Thank you for supporting the Wildlife Trust BCN as we work for a Wilder Future across our counties.

Danielle Page, Communities & Wildlife Officer

How well do you
know our villages?

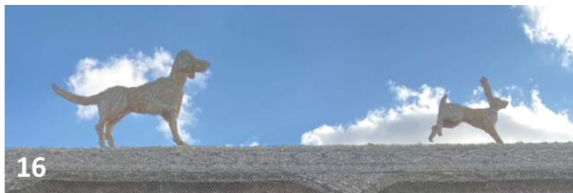
Try this photo quiz





Answers on page
14

Many thanks to
Esther Rowley for
the photos





It has been a busy few months at the Rural Museum! We had the Ramsey Steam and Fire show at the beginning of July with a display of miniature steam engines and full-sized fire appliances. This event was run to support the firefighter's charity. We also hosted the Ramsey Carnival and the Ramsey and District Garden Club Show.

During August the museum was open to support the 1940's weekend whilst in September we hosted the national rally of the Veteran Cycle Club and held a Food and Craft fair on National Heritage Day. The last event was the annual Plough Day on 25 September.

As well as the events we had a series of talks in July as part of the Huntingdonshire History Festival, plus others in August on local history. Until the end of the season there is a display of photographs of local people including those of the pupils of the Abbey Grammar School at various times.

Throughout the season the museum has been open to the public on the afternoons of Saturday, Sunday and Monday and we will close to the public at the end of October. After that we shall be working on the displays, doing essential repairs and conservation work.

In order to run and maintain the museum we rely on our volunteers. We can use any skills and there does not need to be a regular commitment. Volunteers can give the whatever amount of time that they can. We particularly need help with opening to the public. This involves staffing the reception and tea room, greeting visitors and explaining what is available at the museum. Training will be given as needed. If you would like to help develop your local museum and join our friendly group.

710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

RAMSEY BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club meets on Thursdays at 7pm in Bury Village Hall. We are a friendly group who play duplicate bridge and are looking to welcome new members. Beginners or improvers are all welcome.

If you play bridge and would like to join or want more information, please contact Mary on **813628**

If you like card games but have never played bridge but might be interested in learning please contact Yvonne **01480 456462**.

Paddy Slater

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The regular meetings of the Ramsey and District Garden Club, with talks and demonstrations, are held at the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month. We welcome visitors to individual meetings or the membership for a year is £10 per person.

In July we held the annual Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum. Because of the weather during the year leading to poor growing conditions the number of entries and the number of people making entries were lower than in recent years. Nonetheless there was an impressive display of flowers, vegetables, fruit, handicrafts and photographs. The cups and trophies were presented by the Ramsey Mayor, Roger Bereton, and the presentation was followed by an auction of produce that had been donated by entrants.

We had no meeting in August as members were taking holidays and had to cancel the September meeting as it was scheduled for the day of the funeral of the late Queen. We hope to rearrange the talk by Robert Brett from RHS Hyde Hall garden for 2023.

The meeting in October will be on 17th October and is a talk by Zsuzanna Serer on the propagation and growing of Herbs. The November meeting, including a brief Annual General Meeting, is on the 21st and there will be a talk by Jo Sharman on Herbaceous Perennials. We arrange group visits that also are open to non-members. Usually, one of these is to a Royal horticultural Society garden.

For further information about the Club or the programme contact Ian Gaunt: **710702;** ian.gaunt@care4free.net

Upwood Ukuleles
present

**A
CHRISTMAS
CRACKER**






REBOOTED!

an evening of festive musical frivolity

Friday 16 December & Saturday 17 December 2022 at 7.00pm
Upwood Village Hall

£10 (box office open 1st November)
07709 930398 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

ALL PROCEEDS TO MAGPAS AIR AMBULANCE





Upwood Primary Academy

It's lovely to be back for our Autumn Term at Upwood Primary Academy.

The children have all settled well into their new classes and our Foundation pupils are enjoying making friends and learning new things. We're proud of all the children for coming back to school full of enthusiasm for learning, and for their excellent behaviour and kindness towards each other.

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for this year and it's shaping up to be a fantastic school year for everyone!

This term we're collecting groceries for Ramsey Food Bank as part of our harvest celebrations. They work as part of the Trussell Trust to combat poverty and hunger across the UK and we are proud to be involved with this great cause.

We're looking forward to a visit from local farmer, Luke Abblitt, who will be bringing his tractor to school to show the children and talking to them about the different types of crops he grows. This will be a great experience for the children and will help them learn more about where our food comes from.

We're also delighted to welcome parents and carers to our 'Come to Lunch' days this term. These events will be a fantastic chance for parents and carers to visit our academy and spend time with their child in school. The children are all very excited at the opportunity to share this lunchtime experience.



We'd like to take this opportunity to say well done to Year 4 pupil, Orla, who raised an amazing £142.52 last term for blood cancer charity, DKMS. Orla organised a, 'guess the sweets in the jar' competition. She visited each classroom so the children could guess and was very organised throughout the fundraiser. Amazing job Orla - well done!

We're so lucky here at Upwood to receive wonderful support from all our parents, carers and families and from our wider community. Thank you too to our wonderful teaching team and of course to our children themselves!

We look forward to bringing you further news of all our events and activities in the next issue! In the meantime, you can catch up with all our news on our Facebook page @UpwoodPrimaryAcademy and Twitter feed @UpwoodAcademy.

Katy Condon, Communications Officer

UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Juniors: On 4th September the club hosted all the Hunts County Junior Age Group Finals. This started with the U11 and U15 in the morning with the Under 11 game being played on the nursery pitch and the Under 15 on the main pitch. In the afternoon it was the turn of the Under 13 on the main pitch and the Under 9 taking part in a mini tournament on the nursery pitch. The Upwood Under 9 team got through to the final so it was great to have one of our teams representing the club on their home ground.

Seniors: The Saturday 1st team finished a commendable second in the Hunts League Division 1. Burghley Park were champions and Buckden third. Sadly, second does not guarantee a promotion place into the Cambs and Hunts Premier League Division 3 but as ever with league restructuring there is still a chance that we may go up.

Second Team: The season fizzled out towards the end. They finished fourth in Hunts Division 3. There were lots of positives to take from the season though and as our juniors become more proficient this can only strengthen the squad in future years.

Sunday 1st Team: In their last game of the season, they scored 219 vs Nassington and bowled them out for 97. This win means we finished mid table in the Rutland League Division 4 which overall was a fair placing.



Social: The end of season party was due on 17th September. Hopefully there was plenty of fun for young and old including food, bouncy castle, disco, adult and junior awards, and diamond cricket, but sadly no barrel of real ale as we have stock to use up!

Facilities: Our main square laid down by club members many years ago had quite a low, slow bounce. Although this makes for a fair game it does not reward good quality bowling and can inhibit a proper stroke-making batsman. After a scientific assessment we are planning a full renovation on it this autumn. The top 10cm of grass, old soil and “thatch” will be removed and be replaced with loam, laser levelled and then special cricket square grade grass sown. Fingers crossed this will make it even better next summer.

Theft: Following a spate of break-ins last year we significantly boosted our security. Very disappointingly this still wasn’t good enough when we were broken into yet again and our expensive outfield Toros mower was taken via the back field to the ground. We will again need to revisit our security but sometimes it feels like a losing battle.

Helpers Needed: The club would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved in anyway; we are always looking for new members, players, officials or supporters of any age or experience and we have several differing priced sponsorship options for local businesses. For more information contact Neil Tuffin:

npe.tuffin@gmail.com or visit www.upwood.play-cricket.com

Neil

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Name of Business	Nature of Business	Contact Details
Ashwood	Kitchens & Bedrooms	07872969853 ashleyking@aswhood1.co.uk
Bruce & Walker	Makes fishing blanks and rods	813764 sales@bruceandwalker.co.uk
B.S Graves (Electrical) Ltd	Electrician	01480 450243 boyd@bsgraves.eclipse.co.uk
Cross Keys PH	Public house & restaurant	813384
Edwards Farm Shop	Fruit, vegetables, plants, garden sundries	813247
Bob Elvis	General gardening	07952181779
Evolution Property Services	Property servicing	07957460899
Hamilton Plumbing & Heating	All plumbing & heating needs	07824 566215 hello@hamilton-plumbing.co.uk
Oasis Therapeutic Counselling	Discrete counselling	07752717723 hello@oasistherapeutic.com
Palm Produce Natures Candy Foods	Exclusive brand holder/importer Chiefly a Medjool date specialist	491149 info@palmproduce.co.uk
Plumbmurray	Household plumbing, kitchen & bathroom fitter, tiler	07749 706599 plumbmurray@hotmail.co.uk
SMRHS	Commercial & Industrial oil & gas service	info@smrhs.co.uk
Upwood Auto Repair Centre	Car maintenance & repairs	711758
T.R. West Ltd	Windows, doors, conservatories, cladding	07834083188

If you run a business from the parish and would like to be included in this directory, at no charge, please send your details to the editors at **upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk**

PHOTO QUIZ ANSWERS

(1)High Street Upwood Community Library (2)Old School House, Gt Raveley (3)Fairmead Park sign (4)Old school bell, Upwood Primary Academy (5)Farm Close footbridge (6)Water hydrant, Farm Close (7)RAF emblem on village sign, Huntingdon Rd (8)Memorial on footpath between Fairmead & Upwood Primary (9)Old School, Gt Raveley (10)Gateway on Huntingdon Rd nr Charter's Spinney (11)Upwood Village Hall (12) Millenium Oak, Charter's Spinney (13)Upwood Community Orchard (14)The Cross Keys, Upwood (15)Church path between Ailwine Rd & St Peter's Church (16)Church Lane, Upwood

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
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 Councillor	Graham Bull	graham.bull@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Ian Gaunt	710702
Home to Home	Pauline McLeod	814114
Nene Valley Gliding Club	Peter Valentine	8541653
Parish Clerk	Carol Bilverstone	07835 939547: parishclerk@upwood.org
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006
Ramsey Camera Club	Ian Dubock	07501 773641: RamseyCameraClub@hotmail.com
Ramsey Choral Society	Lynne Paul	07738610524: Lynnepaul62@gmail.com.
Ramsey & District Garden Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jonny Wicks	07724 152382
Seated Exercise	Tom Milner	info@oakactivities.com
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Anne-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	Jack Holloway	711551
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Craft & Chat	Heather Wakefield	814432
Upwood Golf Society	Howard Smith	07770847953: hjnsuk@btinternet.com
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Avni Chauhan-Patel	urcaasecretary@gmail.com
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Ramsey Rural Museum	815715; treasurer@ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk
Upwood Academy	Katy Condon	01733 426067 http://www.tdet.education
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475

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

Editorial Team: Lesley Gee 815816; Judith Harvey 710219; Pauline McLeod 814114:

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for next issue: 15th November 2022

The newsletter can also be viewed and downloaded online: www.upwood.org

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club takes place every Wednesday morning from 9.30am – 10.30am in the bar at the Cross Keys PH. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can pop in at any time – you do not have to arrive at 9.30am! The breakfasts represent excellent value and are now cooked by Cross Keys' chef Gary – much to the relief of Jean (the chief architect of the Breakfast Club) who has been able to relax and enjoy her breakfast rather than having to cook it, which was the situation when the club had to move to the village hall when the pub closed a few years ago. If you haven't tried the Breakfast Club it comes highly recommended by this editor of the newsletter.

