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Editorial

The future of Upwood Airfield comes to the fore again, Twelve years ago the proposal to build 2,200 new houses on the Ramsey West Development plan met with strong objections in the area, spearheaded by the Brury/Ramsey Action Group. This plan would have seen a bypass from St Mary's Road Ramsey across the airfield, onto Huntingdon Road Upwood between Fairmead and Upwood School and continuing across farmland to join up with the Warboys road near Wistow Toll.

The planning application eventually went to an inquiry and the Inspector decreed that there was to be no further development in the Ramsey area until the B1040 road from Warboys to Whittlesey was upgraded. This was an expensive pre-condition which has not materialised.

Now Strawsons Property are holding an exhibition in Upwood Village Hall for only three hours between 12 noon and 3 pm on Thursday 2nd October. This is too short a time for everyone in the Parish, especially those who work out of the area, to see this exhibition. The exhibition is at Bury Village Hall later that day - from 4-7pm, and in the George Hotel Ramsey On Saturday 4th. October from 10 am til noon.

It is important that everyone sees this exhibition and considers the effect it will have on our community, in terms of health, education, traffic flows and loss of green space. If you would like to know more about the background of previous proposals, just contact the editor. But whatever you do - visit the exhibition and see what the proposal is about.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Gita Bond to Upwood and the Raveleys. Gita is our new curate in the benefice of the Ramseys and Upwood. She studied at Ridley Theological College in Cambridge for two years. Prior to that she was a Chemistry teacher in St.Ives. (does that mean that she is a scientific Christian). She was brought up as a Hindu in a large family of eight children and came to the Christian faith in her teens. The people of Ramsey and Upwood have welcomed Gita, her husband Jim, who is a civil servant, and daughter Mary who works in Bristol. We hope that they enjoy, and are rewarded by their sojourn among us.

Community Car Scheme

Do you know about the Community Car scheme that operates locally, to help those who have difficulties accessing public transport to get out and about. The scheme is run by the Raamsey Warboys and District Volunteer Centre at Ramsey methodist

Church. Anyone who needs to be driven to friends, relatives, shops, doctors, hospital etc. can call the Volunteers for help. Users pay the driver directly at a rate of 40 pence a mile.

If you know anyone who could use this scheme, then please tell them about it.

If you would like to become a Volunteer Driver then contact orgaiser - Ann Bunting Between 10 and noon Monday-Thursday mornings by telephoning 01487 814117 or e-mailing:volunteers@ramvol.fsnet.co.uk, or call in at the Methodist Church

**UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE
FETE COMMITTEE
GRANTS FOR 2008**

Upwood St. Peter's PCC £200.00

Village Hall Management Committee £200.00

Upwood Youth Club £200.00

Upwood and the Raveleys Newsletter £100.00

Upwood 55 Plus Club £50.00

Meet and Munch £25.00

Upwood & The Raveleys website £11.74

There's more:

The fete helps many groups in the village, and that is because so many of you attend and help swell the funds. So put a note in your diary now - Next year's fete will be on Saturday 20th June 2009.

Would you like to help next year? Would you like to have a stall?
Would you like to join the committee? Call Francis Ashfield on 711411
Any help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

UPWOOD FETE 2008

The Fete in retrospect.

As seems traditional now, the weather before the fete was appalling, culminating in a gale on the Friday night when one of the marquees took flight. Next morning help was on hand to put things right and the good weather dried the paddock before everyone arrived. The committee's heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make it a happy and enjoyable day.

There were more stalls and games than we have had before. The new pet show was a great success and everyone enjoyed the entertainments in the 'arean'. The children from Upwood School performed a lively Maypole dance and "Heartsease" and "The Polka Dots" entertained us with country dancing. A very traditional village fete.

Needless to say, the committee is already involved in plans for next year. If you have any

suggestions for activities or entertainments or would like to help in any way please let us know. We're always keen to enrol new members onto the committee which will meet three or four times before Fete 2009. If you would like to join us call 01487 711411 for information about the next meeting. Frances Ashfield.

Small Advertisements

A single line is 15-18 words. The deadline is found at the bottom of the back page. Just drop your advert and £2 in an envelope through the Editor's letter box, or telephone him.

Our Police Community Support Officer

Marc Robinson is our new Community Support Officer, part of the Ramsey section of the constabulary. If you see him around please say hello to him. More information will be forthcoming.

Parish Council matters

After the summer break the council met on Monday 1st September to catch up on matters that have arisen. The cemetery was discussed, Some graves in the old part of the cemetery in meadow Road are very overgrown with brambles and should be cleaned up. The chapel of rest is in need of attention to the external paintwork before the weather causes deterioration of the woodwork. The funeral cart, or hand hearse should be moved to a better environment. It was suggested that approaches be made to local museums. It was suggested that residents may like to comment on these matters, as costs are involved for the parish.

A plan of the allotments at Great Raveley was produced for discussion about application of rents to the various plots.

The loose tiles on the plinth of the village sign will be re-affixed by a local builder.

The use of the playing field for the riding of a mini-motorcycle and a mini quad bike was raised. The council will resolve the matter with the input from the local Police, but the general consensus was that the practice was not in accordance with the purpose of the area.

The July meeting was informed that the rubbish bins at the play area in Bentley Close were not being emptied regularly. This is a regular problem, and HDC will be asked to ensure that the bins are on the regular collection rota.

Stagecoach advised the Council that there were changes to local bus routes following the company's take over of H&D and Cavalier services

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 22nd November 2008

Upwood Village Hall

10am to 5pm

Free entry

Would you like to have a stall ?

Call Francis Ashfield on 711411 or drop he a line at 3 Thatchers Close, Upwood, Ramsey PE26
2PN

Save yourself a journey

Did you know that **fresh the fish man** calls around the parish on a Tuesday? Although he has several stopping places, if you would like him to call on you, visit him at Walkers Fishing Rods/Upwood Motors around 2.15pm any Tuesday (unless the previous day is a Bank Holiday in which case make it Wednesday).

UPWOOD QUILTING GROUP
Proudly present their first
PATCHWORK QUILTING AND NEEDLEWORK SHOW
And Cream Tea Afternoon.

Sunday 5th October 2008

1 - 5pm

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Display of Quilts and handicrafts

QUILT TO BE RAFFLED ON THE DAY

Sewing / handicraft themed tombola

Sale of Work

Entrance £1.50 (adults) includes a cream tea.

Children 50 pence, includes squash and a biscuit

Tickets available from any member of the Quilt Group or on the door.

For further details call Deana Hudson on 711221

Home to Home

Regular readers will realise that the Ladies Get Together has reverted to its old name although we no longer meet in member's homes. After 26 years no one could remember the new name and we occasionally confused with a Ramsey Group.....so back to Home to Home.

The ladies meet once a month, usually in the village hall. There is a variety of activities and outings to suit all ages. Membership costs £10 a year which includes light refreshments. Enrolment is at the September meeting. Visitors can come free on that evening and pay the normal fee on other nights. Please come along and meet the group, there is no obligation to join and you will be very welcome.

Programme: Monday 27th October "Party Lite" demonstrations with scented candles, oils and holders and opportunities to buy

Monday 24th November "Cuddly Wuddly Chocolate, demonstration and taster evening

Monday 15th December Christmas Party

Contact Chair (Jean Place) on 813742 or Secretary (Julia Evans) on 711388 for details.

UPWOOD 1940s WEEKEND

This nostalgia week-end in mid August was visited by more people than ever before. 9,000 paying visitors. Many said that it was the best show to date. This is quite a compliment to the small band of people who form the management committee. But, as Brian Cunningham said recently, they desperately need new members for the committee. Several have said they would be interested, but have yet to contact Brian. If you could spare the time for this excellent annual event then please call Brian Cunningham on 01487 710680. Soon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 nd October	RAF Upwood Regeneration Exhibition in Village Hall
Saturday 4 th October	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall at 1.00 pm
Sunday 5 th October	Patchwork, Quilting & Needlework Show, Village Hall

Monday 6 th October	Upwood & The Raveleys Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 th October	Wildlife Trust meeting in Brampton Memorial Hall
Friday 10 th October	Cross keys Golf Society outing at Lakeside Lodge
Monday 20 th October	Garden Club AGM, talk and plant swap at Rainbow Centre
Monday 27 th October	Home to Home-Party Lite Demonstrations in Village Hall
Saturday 1 st November	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall at 1.00 pm
Saturday 15 th November	Choral Society concert at Ramsey Parish Church
Saturday 22 nd November	Christmas Craft Fair in the Village Hall 10-5pm
Monday 24 th November	Home to Home Cuddly Wuddly Chocolate demonstration
Saturday 6 th December	Meet and Munch in the Village Hall at 1.00 pm
	Choral Society Christmas Concert Ramsey Parish Church
Wednesday 10 th December	Upwood Business Association Christmas Lunch
Monday 15 th December	Home to Home Christmas Party

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Terry Bell.....813799	David McCreadie..812831	

Table Tennis Club

We now have two tables, which means we can welcome more members. Do come and try the game of Table Tennis at our friendly and enthusiastic club. You may not have played for a while, but we do have younger members who will help you find your ball! Don't be shy, have ago and see what you've been missing. The club meets every Tuesday evening from 8-10pm. For more details phone 812923.
David Williams

Have you got next year's diary handy?

Make a note of these dates:

Sunday 7th June 2009 Upwood open gardens and Flower Festival

Saturday 13th June 2009 Upwood School Annual Ball

Saturday 20th June 2009 Upwood Village Fete

Saturday 25th July 2009 Horticultural Society Annual Show followed by dinner

Free Soccer Skill Sessions For Girls

Sawtry Colts Football Club have experienced steady growth with girls teams over the past three seasons and now run four girls teams from U10 to U13 age groups. To further enhance girls football at the club they are introducing a girls only Football Development Centre for girls of 4-8 years old.

The centre will commence in November 2008 and will provide free of charge weekly soccer skill training for a 24 week period. Produce World in Yaxley have provided sponsorship to allow the centre to run and is sign of their commitment to work with the

local community.

The centre coaching staff will include ex-Peterborough United and Lincoln City player Ryan Semple as well as coaches from the Sawtry Colts youth teams. The centre will consist of two squads, which will follow a structured 24-week training plan with regular assessments to keep the girls updated on their progress.

The assessments will take place after each 8-week segment and will give an indication of how they are progressing. After each assessment every girl will get an award and certificate, which will be presented by a special guest.

Upon completion of the 24-week schedule the girls will be given the opportunity to join a Sawtry Colts Girls Football squad or re-subscribe to the Girls Football Development Centre.

The Girls Football Development Centre will only have 12 places per squad available, so early booking is advised.

If you know somebody who would be interested in attending the Sawtry Colts Girls Football Development Centre you can book a taster session with Steve Purnell on 07964 496259 or steve.purnell@sawtrycolts.org

UPWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Want to join? Simple, the only criteria is that you run a business from your home and declare it to the Inland Revenue. The date for this year's Christmas Lunch is Wednesday 10th December 2008. 12 for 12.30 pm at The Cross Keys Upwood. So put a note in your diary. If you would like to attend, or require further information contact Deana Hudson on 711221.

Meet & Munch

Please note that for the following dates Meet and Munch will be at lunchtime, 1 pm in the Upwood Village Hall: 4th October, 1st November, 6th December, 7th February 2009.

There is no meeting in January 2009 because the hall is taken by the Panto -

Are you an Upwood & Raveley resident, aged 55 and over? Why not come along for tea and chat with our friendly group ..

Please contact Mags Dudley 812424 or Jean Place 813742 for further information.

RAF UPWOOD REGENERATION EXHIBITION

Local residents and businesses are invited to a public exhibition about the future of RAF Upwood.

This former airbase closed in 1994 and many of the buildings on site have fallen into a state of disrepair.

Strawsons Property is keen to invest in the site and deliver a regeneration scheme which integrates with the local area. The scheme is expected to include new homes, employment space, agricultural planting, greenspace and neighbourhood facilities to bring the site back into beneficial use.

Prior to a masterplan being created and a planning application being submitted, Strawsons would like your opinions about such a development and the types of facilities which would be **valued by current and future residents** in the area.

This exhibition aims to gather feedback from the local community to ensure your views and ideas are taken on board in the development of a masterplan for the regeneration of the site.

Members of the public are invited to attend the exhibition and meet members of the team. The event will take place on:

- **Thursday 2nd October from 12noon until 3pm at Upwood Village Hall**
- **Thursday 2nd October from 4pm – 7pm at Bury Village Hall**
- **Saturday 4th October 10am – 12 noon at The George in Ramsey**

We look forward to meeting you.

AND>>>>>

Beattie Group will be making a presentation to the Parish Council at the next meeting on Monday 6th October, after the Council meeting.

Upwood Art Group.

During the Summer members painted at a variety of venues including Ramsey Rural Museum, Hinchingsbrooke Park, Houghton Mill and the Country Classroom. We were lucky to have sunny warm weather on the day that we visited Wimpole Hall where some lovely work was produced and we were very gratified when the group was asked to stage an exhibition there sometime in 2009,2010

The Open Art Show was held at the Ramsey Rural Museum on 12th and 13th July. On August 2nd after a morning in the Village Hall...rain stopped outdoor play...we enjoyed a lunch party at The Cross Keys to celebrate (?) the departure of Jackie to Saudi Arabia. A very talented artist, Jackie has always helped and encouraged new members, and we will miss her a lot. We are hoping that the spare time that she will have will mean lots of FINISHED work to bring home in 2012.

On 16th August we made our annual visit to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. What a great time we had! A sunny day again. London at its colourful best and a super exhibition of the very very good, the bad and the positively ugly. Lots of shock, horror at the exhibits in the Tracy Emin Room - as intended and oohs and aaahs at the wonderful pictures in the Octagonal Room. A superb day out.

The Autumn programme includes figure drawing with professional model Kev on 4th and 11th October. On 18th October and 15th November there will be an open day when members of the public will be able to enjoy a cup of tea and watch the group at work, view work on display and maybe tempted to 'have a go' Or even buy a picture.

On December 13th The Cross Keys will be the venue for the group's annual Christmas lunch, after which we take a break to make way for the panto in the village hall.

Call the same number if you'd like details about the Art Group. We meet every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 at the Village Hall, although in fine weather we paint outdoors at various locations. Transport is available for those who don't drive and occasionally we take a picnic lunch and work till 2 or 3pm. It's a very friendly, sociable group and help and encouragement is available in bucket loads. One to one teaching is available. No materials? Don't worry, there's always a stock of paints, paper etc for newcomers to try. . Interested? Then do join us, you will be very welcome. Classes cost £2 a session and that includes right refreshments. Contact Frances Ashfield on 711411 for more information.

Upwood & the Raveleys Website – www.upwood.org

This has now been updated to include a short Photo Tour of the villages as well as a

Parish Council webpage where you can download minutes of previous meetings. This newsletter can also be downloaded from the website. A History section will be added shortly with a selection of old photos and links to related sites. If you have ideas for further improvements please contact the webmaster: webmaster@upwood.org

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Our meetings are held at The Rainbow Resource Centre, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey and start at 7.30pm. (Free car parking on site). The October meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th October, followed by an illustrated talk on an Australian holiday and ending with a plant swap. If you want more information call Ian Gaunt on 710702

Volunteering is good for you!

Do you know that levels of volunteering relate to levels of happiness? Research published in 2004 indicated that people living in areas with a high level of civic participation were happier with their lives. Hardly surprising then that members of local communities often come to rely upon those volunteers who contribute their time and skills to set up, organise and run many local events. In fact volunteers spend an average of 3 working weeks a year giving unpaid help through groups, clubs and organisations. This is the equivalent of around 1 million full-time workers involved in their local communities.

Many volunteering opportunities are obvious such as helping to plan the village fete, helping with the local Guide or Scout group or editing and publishing the local newsletter etc. However, there are also many 'hidden' opportunities in your local area of which you may not be aware. Do you know about the Community Car Scheme? This scheme is administered by the Ramsey, Warboys and District Volunteer Centre from the Methodist Church Hall in Ramsey and enables those who have difficulty accessing public transport to get out and about. Drivers offer a door to door service using their own cars and are paid directly by the passenger at the rate of 40p per mile. Al and Barbara Fox from Upwood, serve the community in this way and form a great volunteering team.

Want to feel less stressed? 63% of 25-34 year olds and 62% of over 65's say volunteering helps them feel less stressed, while 71% of volunteers who offer their professional skills and experience say volunteering helps combat depression. There are a variety of local opportunities of which these a but a few, such as the role of treasurer, chairperson or trustee on the committees of local charities, mentoring young people, supporting families, or welcoming people home from hospital. Some opportunities are short-term and others involve a long-term commitment, but there is always an opportunity to suit a willing volunteer!

Perhaps you have seen the recent advertising campaign 'Give a few bob' which was launched in June last year. The late comedian Bob Monkhouse was brought 'back to life' and helped raise over £3m worth of free advertising space for prostate cancer through a massive media promotion. This campaign was developed by a marketing company with around 45 staff called The Communications Agency. Robert Prevezer offered his marketing services free of charge to the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation at a time when one of his friends was suffering from the disease.

However, you don't need to wait for such circumstances to motivate you to volunteer. Volunteering England is urging small to medium sized businesses to set up Employer Supported Volunteering schemes in a campaign, supported by The British Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses, the Forum for Private Business and a range of other industry bodies, which is the culmination of a three year project aimed at developing Employer Supported Volunteering. It aims to encourage smaller companies - which account for 59% of private sector employment (Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR)) - to join the ranks of bigger firms that enable employees to volunteer their time to good causes through a work context. If you run your own business and wish to encourage volunteering, perhaps this is something you might wish to consider. At Ramsey, Warboys and District Volunteer Bureau you

will get a warm welcome and support for any aspect of volunteering which interests you.

**Contact: Ann Bunting Ramsey, Warboys & District Volunteer Centre, Methodist Hall
High Street Ramsey Cambridgeshire PE26 1AA Tel: 01487 814117 E-mail: volunteers@ramvol.fsnet.co.uk
Opening Times 10am – 12 noon Monday - Thursday
Don't delay – Volunteer Today!**

The above Facts and figures are from a variety of sources – please contact Cat Dean of Volunteering England for more details.

Do you enjoy singing?

Ramsey Choral Society is a mixed choir of about 30 voices. We meet for rehearsals in Ramsey Junior School on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm with our recently appointed music director William Missin.

Recent repertoire has included Fauré's *Requiem*, Elgar's *From the Bavarian Highlands*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, Bruckner motets, madrigals, folk songs and show tunes.

We always welcome new singers (particularly in lower voices), and do not hold auditions.

We will also be delighted to welcome audiences to our concerts. We are performing Charpentier and Purcell on Saturday November 15th and a Christmas concert on Saturday December 6th. Both these concerts will be in the Ramsey Parish church of St Thomas a Beckett. For more information please visit our web site, www.ramseychoral.org, or telephone June on 01487 813562 or 07703 192967

Wildlife Trust - Huntingdon Area Group

Water and Wildlife: A Vision for the Great Ouse

Water and Wildlife: A Vision for the Great Ouse is the title of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, which will be held on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.

Paul Jose is a wetland specialist, currently leading in Environmental Management at Huntingdon District Council. He has previously worked for English Nature, Anglian Water and the RSPB. Paul has authored several books on grasslands, floodplains and wildlife and been involved in a range of conservation and flood defence projects both in the UK and abroad.

Paul will offer us a presentation on the Great Ouse looking at the protection and restoration of habitats in order to create an optimal environment for our wildlife.

The importance of maintaining quality habitats cannot be overstressed and the Ouse in particular provides some of Europe's most important sites of special conservation interest for birds as well as hunting grounds for otters.

Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire

The Cross Keys Golf Society

The Society's 23rd outing will be on Friday 10th October at the Lakeside Lodge Golf Club, Pidley. The entry sheet is in the public bar of The Cross keys - and the closing date is Friday 27th September. Want more information - call Malcolm Hudson on 711221.

W.E.A. Upwood Group New Course

A new course entitled "The Private Lives of Plants and Animals" begins at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st October. For more information please contact Liz Carter on 813008

Sunday Club

2nd or 4th Sunday of the month (9.30-10.30am) 3rd Sunday of the month as a family

Service There is always a poster in the village hall or by the church showing the dates.

We meet twice a month including a family service. Mums, Dads, children, babies and friends are equally welcome.

Come and enjoy singing and learning about Jesus through many activities.

We have met 14th September as a bring a friend morning. There were activities, snacks and biscuits, refreshments for adults, music and stories. We also played with the chimes(More later...)

If you want to know more contact Anne Marie.

Anne-Marie Cracknell and Joyce Taylor are the new Churchwardens at St Peter.

Recycling Aluminium.

I am still collecting coke cans; we are sending donations to Romania towards a children hospice dealing with HIV+ children. Those children have very little and showing our love give them strength and hope.

So, we thank you for collecting and taking your aluminium cans to me. (back door of 106 High St, Upwood)

AM Cracknell 01487 812195

Ramsey and District Horticultural Society.

Members of the Society and guests visited the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley on Sunday 7 September. The gardens were looking very good. The new glasshouse is spectacular displaying plants from various climatic regions and with a 'root zone' that explains how roots work and their importance both to the plant and as food. The weather was good enough for us to explore the various parts of the garden and, of course, to visit the plant centre. Although a day is not sufficient to see the whole of the garden, everyone enjoyed their day.

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th October. This will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by David and Kate Paine on their visit to Australia.

These meetings are held at the Rainbow Resource Centre starting at 7.30. Visitors and new members are welcome

Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.

Members visited the Scott Polar Research Institute Museum in Cambridge on August 30th. Although quite small this museum covers the history of exploration of both the South and North Polar regions. It was a fascinating afternoon and we were able to understand the difficulties and discomforts of the various expeditions.

The next meeting of the Group is on Wednesday, September 17th in the Village Hall starting at 7.45. The speaker will be Gordon Townsend talking on "The Quakers of Kings Ripton".

Non members are welcome to attend the friendly meetings.

For Sale

Two rolls of willow screening 3 metres x 1.6 metres only £20 each. Offers may be accepted. Call 710702 and ask for Ian.

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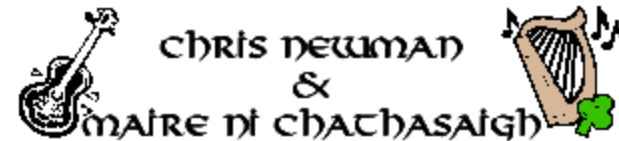
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Upwood Village Hall
Thursday 13th November
7.45pm

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Raffle

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Box Office: 01487 814114

The brilliant, innovative harping of Máire Ní Chathasaigh, Irish Traditional Musician of the Year 2001, and the astonishing virtuosity and versatility of English guitar wizard Chris Newman, has been heard all over the world: now they come to Upwood Village Hall for the first time with their addictive and stylish cocktail of powerhouse Irish dance-music, gorgeous airs, evocative old songs and striking new compositions - with shots of hot jazz and bluegrass thrown in! Their new CD *FireWire* has garnered extraordinary critical acclaim: "Máire Ní Chathasaigh is in a class of her own" *The Guardian* "An eclecticism and spirit of adventure that is quite thrilling... Virtuoso playing... bewitching stringfantasies and a wonderfully clear and expressive voice" *The Times* "Dazzling virtuosity... The speed and complexity is to be marvelled at... exquisitely delivered... delightful" *The Daily Telegraph* Their "blazing guitar and dancing harp", coupled with Chris's "subversively witty introductions", guarantee a unique and captivating evening.

OBITUARY

. Terry C. E. Wells O.B.E. 1935 – 2008

It is with great sadness that I have to record the passing of my inspirational friend and much respected resident of Upwood, Terry Wells. I was fortunate to meet Terry when he was working as a volunteer for conservation on local Wildlife Trust Reserves and recording plants in the old county of Huntingdonshire. His enthusiasm was infectious and his patience and encouragement with novice botanists was endless.

Terry was born in May 1935. He was educated at Luton Grammar School where Dr. John Dony, his history teacher, encouraged his love of plants. Terry was also a sportsman, playing rugby and cricket in addition to which he was also an accomplished pole vaulter. He went on to study Agricultural Botany at Reading University and it was there that Terry and Sheila met. They married in 1959 and their honeymoon was spent sailing to Jamaica where they lived for the next 3 years. There, Terry worked as an agronomist on a large banana and sugar cane estate and Sheila taught biology in a local school. Terry's sporting prowess endeared him to the locals where he played cricket and helped established the Jamaican rugby union football club.

Returning to England in 1962 he moved to Upwood, taking on the post of Grassland Ecologist with the Nature Conservancy at Monks Wood Experimental Station at Abbots Ripton. In addition to studying grasslands, he went on to study the biology and demography of several wild orchids and other rare plants. In 1982-83, he had a year in Western Australia studying populations of wild orchids. Then, in 1988, Terry gained a Churchill fellowship to visit the eastern states of Australia to lecture on habitat restoration and study orchid conservation. He retired in 1995 and was awarded the O. B. E. for services to Botany and Conservation in 1997.

Terry was very active in a number of voluntary wildlife and conservation organizations. He was the President of the Huntingdonshire Fauna & Flora Society and in the past had been its chairman. In 1967 he became Botanical Recorder for Huntingdonshire and in 2003, he published the "Flora of Huntingdonshire and the Soke of Peterborough" which was the culmination of thirty years research. Terry had also been a member of the Wildlife Trust since the early 1960's and was the Voluntary Warden at Upwood Meadows. It was largely due to his efforts that the reserve at Upwood Meadows was established. The conversion of Ramsey Heights from a derelict industrial site to education centre was also due to Terry's foresight and endeavours.

Locally, Terry played an active part in village life, as a member and later Chairman of Upwood parish council and also as a keen member of the Upwood cricket team.

Terry passed away on Thursday September 4th 2008 at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, after several years of illness with Parkinson's Disease and more recently, cancer. He leaves his widow Sheila, daughters Beverley and Sarah, son-in-law Tim and grandchildren Ben, Sophie and Matthew.


Terry, with his passion for plants, love of sport and music will be missed by all of his many friends. He will be remembered for his charm and dedication, and for the

valuable contribution he made to the conservation of our natural heritage.


Peter Walker

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