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## Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter June 2009 Number 42

### Editorial

Halfway through the year and into probably one of the best months of the year for activities in the Villages. There is the Gardens Open on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June when a number of excellent gardens are open for you all to see. There may be garage sales linked to that, which means bargains. For those who missed a fabulous film, or who want to see it again, Mamma Mia is being shown in the Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. There are also all the activities of the various groups in the village that are featured in this issue.

Unfortunately there is a dark side to village life. Recently there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour, not only in Upwood and Farm Close, but also in the surrounding villages. To try and counteract this the police need your input, as they cannot guarantee an immediate response. Descriptions of the offenders, names if possible, car registration numbers if they have arrived by car, mobile phone photographs, are all 'intelligence' which the police can use. Complainants are of the opinion that these young people are not from within the parish, but parents here should be aware that we have a problem and ensure that their own children are not involved.

### UPWOOD OPEN GARDENS, CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL AND GARAGE SALES SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>.

Eleven gardens in the village will be open from 11.00am to 5.00pm.  
Entrance will be by programme (£2.00 and Children under 11 free)  
The Village Hall will be open all day selling programmes with a map of the open gardens, raffle tickets and refreshments. In addition, there will be an Art exhibition in the Hall.  
To make the day a success, help is needed with the activities in the Village Hall.  
Please contact Josie (01487 710702) if you can help even for only a short time

### Parish Council Matters

The May meeting is the time for the council members to be re-elected. There

were no changes.

The newsletter editor produced accounts to support his request for funds for the publication for the remainder of the financial year and was successful. The trees in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church need attention and the Parish Council has been asked to take the necessary action. The small scale improvement to the cemetery entrance has progressed a stage further and a meeting is planned with HDC to finalise the application. The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Come along to enjoy the Upwood Premiere of the hit musical film**

## ***Mamma Mia***

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

in

**Upwood Village Hall**

**Tickets (including light refreshments): £5 (concessions £4.50)**

**Box Office NOW OPEN 01487 814114**

**Licensed Bar Large Screen Good Sound System**

This event, and the rights for screening the film, have been arranged in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour [act]

**Prizes for best dressed ABBA or 70s costume**

### **COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?**

In our community there is a Magpas Community First Responder Group? It was set up in 2002 as cover to the community when the volunteers are at home. We need more volunteers to enable this life saving group to continue to provide for the needs of all of us.

What is a Community First Responder?

He or she is a local volunteer living within the community who has undertaken training in first aid, oxygen therapy and defibrillation, and when they are available they respond to local 999 calls. This provides initial care and treatment for the patient in their time of need while the ambulance is on its way.

Who does a responder attend?

He or she will be notified of patients over the age of 8 who are suffering from life threatening problems like breathing difficulty, chest pains, unconsciousness, fits and cardiac arrest. They can attend and provide lifesaving treatment until the ambulance arrives and then assist the ambulance crew.

How can I get involved?

You can volunteer to fundraise for the charity because without financial support Magpas would not be able to provide any of the life-saving care in Cambridgeshire, or you can become a Community First Responder by contacting Magpas on 01480 371060. For more information visit [www.magpas.org.uk](http://www.magpas.org.uk)

### **A very special Invitation to a special day out**

Upwood 55 plus have organised a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The coach leaves Upwood at 9 o'clock in the morning returning at 4.30 pm.

The cost is £14 for members and £15 for non members. This includes the coach fare and tips and donations.

If you would like to join this trip please contact Margaret Carrington on 812925 or Chris Bruce on 812327

### **UPWOOD QUILTING GROUP**

*Please note that Upwood Quilters are moving their meetings to the last Tuesday in the month from 1.30 - 4.00 pm in the afternoon.*

The calendar for 2009 meetings is: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> November .....and the Christmas Social is on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

If you would like more details please contact Deana Hudson on 711221 or Margaret Jones on 814031 or Janet Philipp on 711462.

### **Table Tennis News.**

The Upwood Table Tennis Club now has twenty two active members who enjoy playing on Tuesday evenings. They have so much energy left over that they have organised a trip in June to Hunstanton by coach. Whilst there they will have a sand castle building competition, play beach rounders, have a go at crazy golf and round off the trip with fish and chips. There is even promise of a singalong on the coach! Contact David Williams on 812923 for details.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS - Names and Telephone numbers**

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The Clerk to the Council is Jane Haggard, Tel: 711129

### **UPWOOD 55 PLUS**

After the winter seasonal break the new year's meetings started off in March with a delightful programme given by Upwood School Choir. This was so much enjoyed by the members and our thanks go to their intrepid conductor Mrs Mumford who was full of enthusiasm, helped by the Deputy Head Teacher.

The children so enjoy performing to an audience that it must be beneficial to them and long may it continue.

The Thursday coffee morning at Chris Bruce's, in aid of club funds, was a great success. Thanks again to Chris for a most enjoyable and pleasant morning. If you want to join, or have more information, contact Ruth Peckover on 812048.

### **Meet & Munch**

The friends will meet next in the Village hall for afternoon tea between 3 and 4pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Future diary dates are 1<sup>st</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September. We are a friendly group who welcome Upwood and Raveley residents aged 55 and over to join us for a chat and afternoon tea. Why not join us?

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

### **Upwood Art Group.**

With the prospect of good weather ahead (?) and working outdoors as much as possible over the next weeks, the group held an open day on 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall. We enjoyed a full days painting and drawing and lunch together, and were pleased to welcome visitors too. There was a good display of work and it was good to

see everyone's pictures and share advice and comments. Hopefully we will have a similar day in the autumn.

We were lucky enough to have professional Kev pose for us on the first two Saturdays in May. Again, we are hoping he will be available in the autumn for at least two sessions. During the summer we plan to visit a variety of venues and of course go to the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome. Transport is shared for outings. Contact Frances Ashfield on 711411 for more information, or come to the Village Hall any Saturday after 10 am. We are a friendly group and materials are available to try. So... why not come along and have a go.

### ***More than 90 Cambridgeshire walks to download and print FREE!***

Walking is good for your heart, your lungs, the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If they experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So [www.walkingincambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.walkingincambridgeshire.co.uk) came into being. Details of more than 90 walks to download and print free, details of all the Cambridgeshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

### **Ramsey and District Garden Club.**

The club is a friendly group for all of those interested in gardens. We meet at the Rainbow Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of each month. Visitors are welcome to join us for individual meetings.

As an example of the programme, in April John Green demonstrated how to grow fuchsias and pelargoniums to a show standard. He showed us how we could get a much better display from our plants. In May Miss Whaddy addressed us on Fragrance in the Garden.

The next meeting is on June 15<sup>th</sup> when Paul Smith will tell us about "Anglia in Bloom". There is no meeting in July but we hold our Annual Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum on 25<sup>th</sup> July. This show is open to everyone, so why not consider entering. There are the usual classes for fruit, vegetables and flowers but there are also chances for novices to enter and not compete with the experienced gardeners.

Also there are novelty classes (for example the best weed) and chances to enter cookery, preserves, handicrafts, art and photography. There are special classes for children to enter. The schedules with details of all of the classes are available from Ian Gaunt (01487 710702) The show is open to the public from 1.00 to 4.00 pm (entry free). The prizes will be awarded at 4.00 pm by Lady De Ramsey.

The Club will be running a trip to Kew gardens on 6 September The cost for transport and entry to the garden for non-members will be £24. If you are interested in joining us on this trip please contact Josie Gaunt on (01487 710702) to reserve a place or for more information.

### **Home to Home**

In April Jane Sills gave a very interesting illustrated talk about the Ramsey Walled Victorian Kitchen Garden Project. She showed 'before' pictures of the neglected site and the progress being made to restore it to its former glory by a team of volunteers. Our thanks to her, the group look forward to paying the garden a visit in the not too distant future.. On 18<sup>th</sup> May Chris Slack from Lavender Blue showed us how skilled he is at making beautiful modern flower arrangements. A delightful triangular arrangement in a basket was followed by a table decoration complete with candles. But the piece de resistance was a hand tied free standing "bunch" with pink roses and gorgeous foliage. How simple Chris managed to make it all look and how beautiful the finished display was. Thanks Chris. Contact Josie Gaunt on 710702 or Frances Ashfield on 711411 for more information.

### **Garage Sales Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

DO you look at the accumulation of 'surplus' stuff in your garage or loft and say "We really should get rid of this lot" or "Let's take it to a boot fair when the weather is warmer". Well, restrain yourselves, cos help is at hand.

To coincide with the Village Open Garden Day, we are going to repeat our very successful Upwood Garage Sale day of previous years. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June the village will, as always, be a magnet for visitors. Visitors will not be able to pass up a chance of a bargain or two from your own driveway, eh. You won't have to do anything, we will advertise and put signs up round the village. There will be a request for a modest sum to help with the outlay for adverts Give me a ring if you want more details or to register an interest. Call John Laing on 812686 - now.

### **Spring Cleaning at St. Peter's Church Upwood.**

Many members of the congregation gave their time and effort prior to and including Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May to give the church a thorough spring clean. They achieved a great result with brooms and brushes, dusters

and wood polish, window cleaning and much more. The church was buzzing with activity, what a sight! A celebratory peal of bells was rung at the end of the Saturday session. Now the church is fully ready for our Flower festival during the weekend 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June. Our thanks go to all who helped. We hope to see you during the Flower Festival.

### ***Party in the Paddock II*** ***Cross Keys Paddock*** ***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 5 – 9pm***

*Live Music      Barbecue      Licensed Bar      Large Marquee*

*Tickets: £5 in advance (£6 on the gate) Accompanied U16s FREE!*

*Tickets available from The Cross Keys (01487 813384) or School Plus in Ramsey*

Now included in the Ramsey Arts Festival Programme and building on last year's outstanding success PitP2 promises to be even bigger and better. Local band **10 O'Clock Curfew** ([www.10oclockcurfew.co.uk](http://www.10oclockcurfew.co.uk)) will once again be providing the live music, this time supported by **The Overloads**, a young group of local musicians just breaking onto the scene. This is an event for the whole family, so bring along your picnic furniture and enjoy a summer evening's entertainment at your local pub.

### **Upwood and the Raveleys History Group.**

There are still some **Red Books** entitled "Upwood & Raveley Village memories 1900-2000 for sale available from Ian Gaunt (Tel: 710702).

Meetings are held every two months and during 2009 there will be talks on Victorian prisons and Pickwick's Fen. We are also visiting Stamford (with a guided tour) and Rockingham Castle. Visitors are always welcomed to come to our meetings.

The business meeting was followed by a very interesting talk and photographic show given by Jane and David Yardley on the growth and development of Ramsey Rural Museum from 1977 to the present day. They also brought some items of interest for members to try and identify.

The next large project for the museum is to raise sufficient funds to erect an original Fen Cottage that they have been given and in which the late Marshall Papworth was born. Support for this venture will be very much appreciated. For information call Ian Gaunt on 710702.

### **Ramsey Rural Museum**

Remember that you have your local museum in Wood Lane Ramsey (entrance

opposite the cemetery). It is an ideal spot for a visit or to take visitors to and introduce them to the locality. This isn't just a collection of old farm machinery, there are replica shops of the Victorian period and a wheelwright's and blacksmith's shop. There is a Victorian schoolroom and displays relating to World War 2 and Upwood aerodrome. And there is a tea-shop selling refreshments as well as helpful volunteers to answer you questions.

The Museum is open on Thursdays (from 10 am til 5 pm) and Sundays (from 2 until 5pm) as well as Bank Holidays and "Special Events".

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April Easter weekend grand sale of books, cds, DVDs and records.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April Ford Side Valve Car Rally -visitors welcomed.

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May "All Creatures Great and Small" a Pets Fun Day

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June Plant Sale - good quality plants from local growers.

Sat/Sun 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June International Museums "On Air " weekend.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July Ramsey Horticultural Society Annual Show. Open to all.

Sat/Sun 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Aug. Art exhibition by local artists - fantastic show.

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Aug Model Railway Day - layouts, trade stalls, rides.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Heritage/genealogy Day. How to research your family.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Classic vehicle Show - cars, commercial vehicles, and

Much more in this new for 2009 event.

Want more information? Call Jane Yardley on 01487 814304

### St. Peter's Upwood Flower Festival - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June

The theme is Weddings. It is hoped that we will have wedding dresses on show from weddings that have taken place in St. Peter's Church over the years.

The church will be open on Saturday from 2 pm and you will be able to get a cream tea from then until 4.30 pm.

On Sunday there will be a service at 9.30 am to which everyone is welcome, and then from 11 am you will be able to purchase a guide to the Village Open Gardens. In the afternoon the Handbells will be playing in the church, so do come along and listen to them. For more information contact AnneMarie on 812195 or Jean Place on 813742

### Upwood and Raveley History and Archive Group

The two groups are now linked together and it is hoped that some joint projects will expand our knowledge and recording of local history when they are started later in the year. If you would like to come along and share your memories please do so. Don't forget that the group also welcomes pictures of events that happen this year for their records.

Upwood Pantomime Society - Panto 2010

## *Beauty and the Beast* Auditions

for main parts (not chorus)

7.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Upwood Village Hall

For further information please contact:

Martin Muir (Director): 711455 or Doug McLeod (Producer): 814114

Cast list and audition scripts available from Martin or Doug

All information and audition scripts will also be available to download from the pantomime pages of the village website: [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org)

**Chorus Auditions: Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat/Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Peter's Flower Festival
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood "Open Gardens" and Garage Sales
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood School Annual Ball
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Rural Museum Plant Sale
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Garden Club meeting at Rainbow centre
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Upwood Village Fete
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup> June	"Mama Mia" in the Village Hall
Sat/Sun	27/28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ramsey Rural Museum "In Air" weekend
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Quilters meeting
Thur	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Panto Auditions in Village Hall
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet and Munch
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> July	Party in the Paddock - at the Cross Keys.
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Horticultural Society Annual Show,
Tue	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Quilters meeting
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Meet and Munch
Sat/Sun	8/9 <sup>th</sup> August	Art Exhibition at Ramsey Rural Museum
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup> August	55+ visit to National Memorial Arboretum
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Rural Museum Model Railways Day
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Quilters meeting

### The Village Website

Doug McLeod has done lots of work on the history pages of the village website. Direct links to CCAN pages are now being added. You will be able to find more information and pictures by following these links from the village website [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org)

### Speedwatch

Speedwatch is a voluntarily driven Police initiative to slow drivers down in

communities, combating anti-social driving through education rather than prosecution. The Ramsey Group, which covers much of the St. Ives police section, has now been given permission to operate in 40 mph areas, which includes Upwood. It will be monitoring both Longholme Road and Huntingdon Road in Upwood.

We are also allowed to operate multiple checks, so that passing one check does not mean that there isn't another within a short distance. Drivers over the limit will be reported to the Police who will make contact by warning letter. Regular re-offenders risk being targeted by the Police who will take the required action.

Refer to <http://Speed-Watch.org> or contact Keith Sisman on 711211 or via the e-mail [Keith@sisman.net](mailto:Keith@sisman.net).



### **Sunday Club**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday as a family Service (21<sup>st</sup> June) (19<sup>th</sup> July)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> June) & (12<sup>th</sup> July)**

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

The Children will have a little corner for the flower festival (7<sup>th</sup> June) and will plant something in the outside pots to welcome you.

We will have a Bible mini Party at the end of June and will end in July with a children Song & Praise with a lot of dancing. Feel free to come and enjoy the morning with us. If you need to know more contact Anne Marie.

AM Cracknell 01487 812195

### **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 gives them strength and hope.

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

AM Cracknell 01487 812195

### **Upwood St Peter Church Services**

7th June All Praise Flower Festival Service 9.30am

14th June Holy Communion by ext. 9.30am  
21st June All Praise 9.30am  
28th June Holy Communion 9.30am

## **Flower festival** (wedding themed)

Saturday & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June

Cream Teas available on Saturday only from 2-4.30pm

**Sunday Service @ 9.30am, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

with guests Lord and Lady De Ramsey

Music provided by Ramsey Saxophonie before & after the Service  
Handbell players in the afternoon from 2.30pm

### **UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE.**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**THE CROSS KEYS PADDOCK FROM 1 TO 5 PM**

**A PROGRAMME WILL DROP THROUGH YOUR LETTERBOX A WEEK BEFORE WITH DETAILS OF EVENTS AND STALLS.**

**Do come along and enjoy this traditional annual event.**

### **Frances is looking for strong men.....again.**

Slow down guys - this is a chance to show off your pecs (whatever they are). Frances Ashfield would welcome chaps of all shapes and sizes to come along to the Cross Keys Paddock on the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June to help put up the marquees etc for the Village Fete. If you excel at that, as a special treat, you could also help on Saturday/ Sunday to take it all down again. Please call Frances now on 711411 - Thanks for volunteering.

### **Archive Group:**

The archive group are running a photo competition over the summer. The subject is 'Life in Upwood and the Raveleys' - what happens in the villages. Entries should be a group of 3 photos either on the same subject or showing different aspects of life. This really is a competition for amateurs. You don't need to be an expert photographer as judging will be

based on how well life in the villages has been captured. The subject(s) can be anything from bathing the dog to one of the village events.

There is an optional 50p entry fee to cover small prizes but the most important thing is to send in your photos. Judging will be by members of the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN) executive committee; as many entries as possible will go onto the CCAN website and be displayed later in the year.

### ***Photo Competition 'Life in Upwood and the Raveleys'***

**Photos:** *Group of 3 photos showing life in the villages. Entries will be primarily judged on the subject matter.*

**Classes:** *8 & Under, 15 & Under, 16 & Over*

**Entries:** *To 48 High Street, Upwood; clearly marked with name, contact details and entry class.*

**Deadline:** *12 September 2009*

**Cost:** *Optional 50p per entry (3 photos) to cover small prizes*

### **The Best Laid Plans**

The plot of land containing the late Rodney Scarr's bungalow, on the corner of High Street and Helen's Close has been bought by a developer who submitted plans to build two executive style homes opening onto Helen's Close. The Parish Council rejected the plans twice and the proposal went to HDC's Development Panel on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Local objectors attended that meeting to reiterate their concerns.

The principle argument in their favour was HDC's own restriction dating back to 1988, when the proposal for Thatcher's Close was discussed. This restriction was in essence that Helen's Close and Rodney Scarr's bungalow were single storey buildings and the first building on the corner of High Street and Thatchers Close should therefore be a bungalow - and that is what happened. However, the Development Panel decided that this condition need not apply in the latest proposal, and the objections were over-ruled.

This can have serious implications for us. In the process of raising objections to the 2000 home Ramsey West Development much was made of the poor road infrastructure in this area. At the inquiry, the Inspector clearly stated that there was to be no further large scale development in the Ramsey Area until the B1040 road from St Ives to Whittlesey was upgraded. The CPRE confirmed that Inspector's recommendations are 'cast in stone'. Yet the developers of RAF Upwood hope to get around this condition by tinkering with the road through Upwood and The Raveleys by putting in roundabouts

and traffic calming. Will HDC over-ride the Inspector's report? There is concern that if the developers get away with this not only will traffic through the villages increase substantially, but traffic trying to leave Church lane, Ailwyne Road and Meadow Road will be at risk trying to get into the traffic stream.

### **FREE TO A SUITABLE HOME**

Have you a pond in your garden? Would it look better with a pink water lily gracing its surface.? You can have one FREE. Just call Frances Ashfield on 711411 and it's yours.

### **Pond Life and other Critturs**

Inspired by the new series of Gardeners World on TV and the imminent Upwood Open Gardens Day, I decided to make a few improvements in our garden. Weeds were consigned to the compost heap, plants divided, primped and pampered, paths cleaned, gravel raked and garden furniture painted. Not bad, I thought, but the pond area looks a bit uninteresting and the bog garden next to it is boring. Cleaning out the pond proved a filthy, wet and messy job, but fascinating. Lots of newts and dragonfly larvae, frogs and watersnails. I'd never seen a full size grass snake before and certainly not one emerging from amongst the pond plants with a half swallowed frog in its mouth. Yuck I decided enough was enough, it could stay mucky, and turned to the bog garden. Two days later we had an immaculate pond in its place, home for the goldfish evicted from a friend's over populated "water feature". (They don't have a pond apparently, ponds aren't cool)

The morning after finishing the project, aching limbs showered, dressed and ready for work, I popped out into the garden to feed the said fish. Stepping back to admire my creation, I trod on next doors beautiful grey cat's tail. He screeched and took off like a rocket and I toppled backwards.....into guess which pond !

### **What about you?**

The Village Hall Management Committee now needs more new members. Representatives from the various groups in the village would be welcome. Meetings are usually held monthly. For more details please contact Heike Penny,(Secretary) on 01733 844190.

### **The Bells...**

Upwood Bell Ringers meet in the Church every Monday from 7.15 until 9.00 pm and enjoy playing from a broad range of music. We would welcome new members, young or old, as no experience is necessary. Please feel free to come along to watch and listen or join in.

For further information or an informal chat please contact Margaret Jones on 814031 or e-mail her on [normanmag@jones52.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:normanmag@jones52.eclipse.co.uk)

### **Indian trip with World challenge**

From Indian to Cockney evenings, from 1940s to Hollywood events, a great coffee morning, a sponsored walk, baby sitting and much more, we want to say thanks to every one who supported us all these months with our fundraising. It all went very well and we were please to see people enjoying themselves. We finished by lighting the sparklers on a cake for our finale. We want to say thank you to everyone who supported us all these months with our fundraisers.

We have, at last, reach our target; an amazing **£ 3125 each!**

We are now concentrating on helping our team who need to provide for our project in India (restoring and decorating a school in a very poor village at the foot of the Himalaya).

We will give a follow-up presentation when we come back.

Thank you again

Emilie & Mariette

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

On the behalf of everyone in the St Peter Congregation, we want to congratulate Gita and Mary on their special day and wish them well. A bus will be organized to Ely. Please let me know if you wish to travel by this mean of transport.

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### **UPWOOD OPEN GARDENS**

Upwood is inhabited by many keen gardeners and this year ten of them have been persuaded to open their gardens to the public. Large and small, modern and traditional, there is a garden there for every taste and owners will be happy to answer visitors questions and show them around.

Tickets for the whole event cost £2 per person, accompanied children are free.

Tickets and maps showing the location of the gardens will be available at the Village Hall from 10.45 am on the day. The gardens will be open from 11 am til 5 pm.

Maps also show the venues of the Garage sales which are taking place on the same day. So wear comfy shoes and allow plenty of time. When you need a rest and a refreshing cup of something head back to the village hall where refreshments will be available all day. That will give you a chance to see the display of paintings and pictures by the Upwood Art Group in the hall - and the energy to walk to the Church to see the Flower Festival displays. Have a good day.

### **Note to all contributors**

Because of a change in the print schedule, all contributions **MUST** be received by the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date. Thank you.