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# Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

## October 2011 Number 56

### UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS VILLAGE FETE COMMITTEE

*are pleased to announce the following grants  
for 2011*

<i>Upwood &amp; the Raveleys Newsletter</i>	<i>£450</i>
<i>Upwood &amp; the Raveleys Village Hall</i>	<i>£400</i>
<i>Upwood St. Peter's PCC</i>	<i>£300</i>
<i>Upwood School PTA</i>	<i>£150</i>
<i>Upwood Small to Tall</i>	<i>£100</i>
<i>Upwood &amp; the Raveleys website</i>	<i>£71.86</i>
<i>Meet and Munch</i>	<i>£50</i>
<i>Upwood 55+</i>	<i>£50</i>

The Editor is very diligent but regrets that he cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or omissions.

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**Note: Deadline for the December issue is the 20th November 2011.**

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in Upwood Village Hall at 7.30pm



### Investigating and Exploring **Upwood Small to Tall**

EVERY WEEK DAY TERM TIME

Breakfast Club 8 – 9am Pre-School 8.30 – 11.30am (funded children)  
9 – 11.30am (non-funded children) After School Club 3.30 – 6pm



### Learning Through Creative Play



A rich early learning environment with a positive Ofsted report  
PLEASE CALL ANGIE DEAN on  
01487 813 510 or EMAIL [upwoodsmalltotall@btinternet.com](mailto:upwoodsmalltotall@btinternet.com)

### *Upwood Business Association Christmas Lunch*

*The Cross Keys, Upwood*

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011*

*12 for 12.30*

*If you run a business from your home and would like to join us for  
this very popular annual event please contact Deana Hudson on  
01487 711221*

## Upwood Primary School Celebrated its 50th Year of Opening!

The school community celebrated this exciting time in our school history during the week beginning 21st March. There were many special events planned which included the following:

On Monday 21st March 2011, the 'Opening Ceremony' of the school was re-enacted by Year 4, in the presence of past head teachers and deputy head teachers. Staff and children came to school in formal dress. On this day, a special lunch was served on a 'Golden' theme.

During Tuesday 22nd March, Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March different classes led an assembly about different decades:

- Tuesday 22nd March – Years 3 and 6 – 1960s
- Wednesday 23rd March – Years 4 and 5 – 1970s
- Thursday 24th March – Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 1980s

Children had the option to wear clothing from the various decades, even though they were not in the classes involved.

On Friday 25th March, there was a whole school party; children had the option to come in party dress.

After school in the hall, each day, there was an exhibition documenting the history of our school which was well-attended. An 'Achievement Board' celebrating the progress of some of our past pupils was also displayed.

Thanks must go to Miss Clarke who co-ordinated the planning for the celebrations and ensured the week was a success. **Three cheers to Miss Clarke!**

**A note from the Deputy Editor: I was privileged, as one of the School Governors, to share in the week long celebrations at Upwood School and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. It was very much a trip down memory lane for me with the music – well done to the whole School.**

## UPWOOD OPEN GARAGE SALES DAY

A great big "THANK YOU" from me to all 16 participants in the Garage Sales Day on Aug 14th. We were blessed with good weather and, as a result, a very good attendance of customers – to whom thanks and appreciation are due also. The Upwood Fete Committee benefited from all the donations and I understand that the total "sales takings" were in excess of £1000. I think it's fair to say that the day was a resounding success. Let's do it again in 2013.

John Laing

## **Ramsey launches Community Choir**

If you happen to be passing the Rainbow Day Centre in Ramsey on a Wednesday evening you may be surprised to find yourself being serenaded by the sound of *Where is Love?* from the musical *Oliver*, or catch the tunes of other well known songs from popular musicals, traditional songs or even the charts. The sounds would no doubt be coming from the Ramsey Community Choir which has recently been formed. The group aims to provide people who enjoy singing the opportunity to meet in a relaxed and informal atmosphere and share the pleasure of singing together. It isn't necessary to be able to read music or "sight sing", although words and music editions of the songs are provided, so if people feel happier learning the tunes "by ear" that's fine. The group meets on Wednesday evenings 8.00pm - 10.00pm (with a half-time break) at the Rainbow Day Centre next to the Rainbow Surgery in Ramsey. If you enjoy singing (even if you usually restrict your performances to the bath or shower) the Ramsey Community Choir would be pleased to welcome you along.

For further information contact Mr Lindsay Benson by telephone on 01487 843938 or e-mail him at [Lindsay@benson22.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:Lindsay@benson22.freeseve.co.uk) or just turn up.

### **You could help raise funds for Upwood School PTA**

Upwood School PTA would like to introduce you to our new fundraising initiative – [Easysearch/Easyfundraising](http://www.easysearch.org.uk) If you shop on line you can help us raise funds by registering with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> Registration is free; choose Upwood Primary School PTA – Huntingdon as the charity/organisation and every time you shop online, just login into this site first, click the link of the shop you want and shop!

If you search online you can help us raise funds by using <http://www.easysearch.org.uk> Search for Upwood Primary School PTA – Huntingdon, and for each completed search you make we will earn half a penny. Make us your default homepage and browser and this will generate funds every time you log on.

### **The other initiative is *Bags 2 Schools***

If you have any old clothes, fabrics, bedding, curtains etc. please call at the school office for our blue recycling bags. These are collected from school 3 times per year and raise valuable additional funds for the school. Further information about both these initiatives are available from the school office.

## **MEET & MUNCH**

After enjoying delightful Summer afternoon teas in the Village Hall up to 3rd September 2011, Meet & Munch reverts to lunch time 1.00pm to 2.00pm during the Autumn and Winter months on the following dates -

1st October 2011, 5th November 2011, 3rd December 2011, and 4th February 2012 - please note January no meeting.

Following on from our wonderful Royal Wedding Lunch Party and all the warm comments we received, it has been decided to move our annual celebration in December 2011 to June next year, to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee.

Special thanks go to Josie Gaunt, who after many years of loyal service to Meet & Munch, has decided to step down from the Helper's Rota. However, we are delighted to say she will continue to come along to enjoy afternoon tea/lunch with us.

We are a friendly group, so if you are over 55 and a resident of the parish, why not come along and join us.

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

## **Upwood Quilters**

We attended a busy meeting on Tuesday 30th August. The next meeting will be another one on Tuesday 27th September 10-4 in Upwood Village Hall when we will be preparing for our show on Sunday 23rd October at 1pm. We have all contributed in making a quilt which we will be offering as the raffle prize. There will be refreshments and lots of other quilting goodies for sale and some others will be displayed for all to see how we spend many long hours! The proceeds of the day will be donated to 'Help the Heroes' charity. Do come along, you will enjoy meeting us all and probably see old friends.

Contact Deana Hudson for further information on 01487 711221

**Upwood Village Hall**

*in association with Arts in Cambs on Tour*

Presents

Limbik Theatre's production of

# Ghost Town

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.45pm**

Tickets £7.50 Concessions £6.50 (incl tea/coffee before show)

## PLUS

the welcome return of comedian

# Mervyn Stutter

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm**

Tickets £8.50 Concessions £7.50

Licensed Bar

**Box Office - open now for both shows - 01487 814114**

Full details of both shows can be found at [www.upwood.org](http://www.upwood.org)

## Ramsey and District Garden Club

The Garden Club is for anyone who is interested in gardens or plants. There is no need to be an expert gardener. We have talks and demonstrations on various subjects, organise visits to gardens and hold our annual show. We try to make the programme entertaining as well as informative.

The meetings are held at the Ramsey Community Centre on the third Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm.

There was no meeting in July as we held our Annual Show at the Ramsey Rural Museum on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were blessed with good weather and had an excellent number and quality of entries. A large number of people visited the show during the afternoon and the trophies and prizes were presented by Shailesh Vara, our local MP.

We took a rest in August so the next meeting is on September 19<sup>th</sup> which will be a talk by Brian Jones and is entitled "In a Monastery Garden". We know that Brian is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. In October (17<sup>th</sup>) we hold our Annual General meeting followed by a quiz. These are not too serious.

We welcome new members and our current subscription is £12.50 for a single member or £20.00 for a family membership. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 per meeting so why not come along and sample one before you decide if you would like to join?

For further details on the Club or our programme please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702; [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)).

## Peter's Church Services

2nd Oct.	Morning Prayer 9.30am
9th Oct	Holy Communion 9.30am
16th Oct	Family Service 11am Harvest
23rd Oct	Holy Communion 9.30am
30th Oct	King James Bible Service at Thomas a Becket Ramsey 10am (no Service in Upwood )
6th Nov	Morning Prayer 9.30am
13th Nov	Holy Communion 9.30am
20th Nov	Family Service 9.30am
27th Nov	Holy Communion 9.30am

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**7.00 pm for a prompt 7.30pm start**  
**Teams of up to 4 players**  
**Licensed bar, hot supper, raffle**  
**Tickets £8.00 per person**  
**Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Upwood and the**  
**Upwood & Raveleys Newsletter**  
**For further information and tickets, please contact**  
**Geoff Dudley 812424 or Geoff Carrington 812925**

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

This friendly group meets in the Upwood Village Hall at 7.45pm usually on the third Wednesday of alternate months. We have talks and visits that are related to local history and to history more widely. On the alternate months there is a meeting of the Archive Group that is trying to ensure that the history of the villages is recorded on the CCAN website.

On 24th August 27 members and friends visited West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. This is the site of what is claimed to be the oldest village in England. It is an experimental project where buildings are reconstructed in the Anglo Saxon mode but including factors that have been discovered from archaeological investigations. The evolution of knowledge of the period is clearly demonstrated. It was a fascinating visit and enjoyed by all who attended.

Earlier in the year, the group had a fascinating talk by Peter Park on the History of American Armed Forces in East Anglia. This concentrated on the Molesworth Base and was followed by a visit to Molesworth. As a number of members were not able to attend that visit, Peter arranged another on 15th August. It was fascinating to see some of the history of the base both as a flying base during World War II and as a missile base in the 'cold war'. Equally it was fascinating to hear some of the valuable work that is being carried out at present as an intelligence analysis centre for NATO.

The next meeting will be on 21st September and is a talk Hilary Ritchie with the title "History of Addenbrooke's Hospital". In November (16th), Barry Williams will talk to the group on 'Life in the Victorian Countryside'.

New members are welcome as are visitors to individual meetings.  
More information please contact Ian Gaunt (01487 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net)



### **UPWOOD BOOK LOVERS' GROUP**

The popularity of this new venture has resulted in two linked groups – the Morning group and the Evening Group – who both meet roughly every 6 weeks at The Cross Keys public house. Each group makes their own book choice and we plan to have two joint social activities each year.

The next meetings are:

Morning Group: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am – contact Liz Carter on – 01487 813008 or [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) please call to find out current book title

Evening Group: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm – Julia Evans on [Julia.Evans@BarfieldHouse.net](mailto:Julia.Evans@BarfieldHouse.net) please call to find out current book title

A subscription of £2 per meeting covers the cost of refreshments and surplus funds are put towards the joint social event. Books are sourced through the local library, charity shop purchases and inter-group lending.

This group aims to enrich and widen your choice of reading; encourage people to discuss their reading experience and exchange views on books to read and, most of all, provide a wide choice of books recommended by other members of the group.

**IF YOU ENJOY A GOOD READ – COME ALONG & JOIN US!**

### **STAY AND PLAY**

Free weekly drop in sessions ideally suited for children 0-5 years old.

**10.00 to 11.30**

**Upwood Village Hall, High Street, Upwood**

An opportunity for parents/carers of children under 5 years of age to meet and play together. Toys and healthy snack provided

This facility is organised and run by Ramsey Children's Centre, Unit 3, Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey.  
Telephone 01487 814812

Upwood Pantomime Society  
presents

# CINDERELLA

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Box Office (01487 814114)  
opens on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £9.00 Child £6.50

## Interested in joining an allotment group?

Please contact Liz Carter [liz@backtracks.biz](mailto:liz@backtracks.biz) (01487 813008)  
or  
Alison Miles [amiles@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:amiles@gotadsl.co.uk) (07824682872)

## Handbells

For bookings of baptism and weddings please contact the Church Administrator, Janet Reed on 01487 812211. For St Peter's weddings in Upwood, the Handbells can offer to play during the ceremony and the Church Administrator will give a contact number. (Janet Reed: 01487812211)

## Harvest Festival

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – followed by a harvest lunch in the Upwood Village Hall at 12:00 noon. Come and enjoy the festivities and see the lovely displays.

## King James Bible Reading: 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October

St Peter Church has taken the challenge in helping Thomas a Becket reading the whole Bible in a week. We are inviting anyone who wishes to participate during October half-term week and to facilitate the task there will be a list in Church. Have a look at it and if you want your name on it contact me to avoid doubling the readings. So, if you want to take part and if you can give some of your time to read aloud 15mins between 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October, please let me know what day and time you wish me to allocate so I can organise it. Thank you very much

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## Photographic exhibition: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10am-5pm

We will have an exhibition in Upwood St. Peter Church in October for anyone in the Parish who wishes to display their photographs. So here you have a great opportunity to share your moments! It can be of any theme, occasion, event or art, of any size, local or not, old or new. Please, title or write a little bit about your photo to make it interesting for the viewer.

Setting up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 5pm onwards.

We will offer some light refreshments on the day.

For details contact Anne-Marie Cracknell

## Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11-4pm

Saturday will include a Christmas Fair and will open from 11-4pm. So if you wish to have a stall please contact Anne-Marie Cracknell.

On Sunday there will also be some entertainment in the afternoon.

We would like to invite you to exhibit your very own Christmas tree or wreath, decorating it the way you feel with only a 6feet height limit. You can use artificial trees if you wish. You can also be as imaginative as you want.

It could be anything from a sweet wrapper tree to a Victorian one!

Please name your tree/wreath & your group name signed below.

This can be a good opportunity to advertise your group!

[annemarie.upwood@virgin.net](mailto:annemarie.upwood@virgin.net) or 01487 812195

### Upwood 55+ Club

We had a most enjoyable trip to Bury-St-Edmunds, the coach was full and the weather was perfect. There were many bags of shopping brought home! Yet another very good day spent with friends at the Harvest Lunch in the village hall. 36 very nice lunches were served up by the ladies on committee who worked hard to ensure all the members were having a good time. We were then entertained by Doug with his splendid songs, some quite cheeky, and we all joined in with him. There was a coffee morning at the home of Maria Jackson, 11, Meadow Lane on the 15th September.

The AGM was held and the committee still stands.

Deana Hudson will be giving a talk at the October meeting on the 11th. The talk is entitled "It's Not All Glamour". Sounds interesting!

Please ring Chris Bruce for more information regarding the Club on 812327.

### Table Tennis Club

The club had its first friendly match at home against Pondersbridge in August and acquitted themselves well by winning 7-3. The Pondersbridge team play in the Peterborough league so all credit to our three man team for a stirring performance. A return match is scheduled at Pondersbridge on 26th September.

In October we have the club ladies and gents singles tournaments played on separate Tuesday evenings. The trophies will be keenly contested as the standard of play continues to rise every year.

A coaching session was organised in September for those requiring some fine tuning, and judging by the improvements made, will continue to be a regular feature of the club.

Although the club has full membership we would still welcome anyone wishing to play as a guest any Tuesday night between 7.30-10pm  
Contact David Williams 01487 812923 for more details

**UPWOOD QUILTERS**  
**QUILT AND NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION**  
**SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2011**  
**UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL**  
*1-4pm*  
*in aid of*  
**HELP FOR THE HEROES**  
**RAFFLE OF QUILT ON THE DAY**  
*Sewing themed tombola/sales table*  
*Teddy bears picnic display*  
*Bag competition*  
*Tickets £2.00 each*  
*including a cream tea*  
*Tickets from a member of the Quilt Group*  
*or phone Deana Hudson on 01487 711221*

### HOME TO HOME

*Home to Home has had a very successful year, including talks, film shows and visits, culminating in our AGM and Barbecue kindly hosted by Mr & Mrs Manchett.*

*Our membership is up to 34 which is encouraging, but new members are always welcome. One year's membership is only £10, or join as a guest to see what it's like for £2. Meetings are usually on the last Monday of the month in Upwood Village Hall.*

*Our next meeting will feature a talk of local interest by Bob Burns-Murdoch at 8 pm on 31st October.*

*25 November*

*8 pm Riki Otis – Screen Printing*

*19th December*

*Christmas Party*

### Dates for your diary

Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan coffee morning in Village Hall
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> September	Cross Keys Golf Society outing
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Meet and Munch
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Film "Submarine" in Village Hall
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	55+ Club
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz Night – Upwood Village Hall
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest lunch in Village Hall
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Ramsey & District Garden Club
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Ghost Town – Village Hall
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	King James Bible Reading starts.
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Photographic Exhibition in St.Peter's
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Quilt Show Upwood Village Hall
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> October	Quilt Group
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> October	Books Lover's Group
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Home to Home
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> November	Meet and Munch
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	55+ Club
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Mervyn Stutter – Village Hall
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Upwood & the Raveleys History Group
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Home to Home
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Quilt Group
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> November	Booking Office for Panto opens at 6.30
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Meet and Munch
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	Business Association lunch
Sat/Sun	10/11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree Festival in Church
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Home to Home

### UPWOOD & THE RAVELEYS FETE COMMITTEE

The new committee for this year is

Andrew Peck (Chairman)

Anne Neal (Secretary), Denice Smith (Treasurer)

Suzi Brown, Jane Kirkby and Joyce Richter

If you would be interested in helping at events please contact

Andrew Peck 01487 711372

*UPWOOD ART GROUP  
MEET EVERY SATURDAY  
UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL*

*10 AM – 12 NOON*

*FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL  
FRANCES ASHFIELD ON 01487 711411*

### What kind of items are included free of charge in the newsletter?

We are happy to include the following items/articles free of charge:-

- information about forthcoming community events and activities
- news updates from local organisations / societies etc.
- other items of interest to the local community

As a rule of thumb each item should take up no more than half a page.

### What kind of items incur a charge in the newsletter?

As the newsletter is run on a voluntary basis and currently funded through various donations, the committee has decided that it will no longer carry any paid advertising in the main body of the newsletter whilst this situation prevails.

However, individuals, groups and small local businesses may have separate A5 flyers included with each copy for a charge of £20 per edition (550 copies of a flyer must be provided by the advertiser per edition). In other words if you want to advertise your own garage sale, or similar, you can have this advert delivered to every house in the parish for a cost of £20 as long as you provide sufficient A5 flyers. The newsletter committee will not include flyers promoting political parties and reserves the right to refuse this service if any items are deemed unsuitable for community consumption.