



Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter

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Your newly elected local Parish Council members



Standing l-r: Jo Paxton, Robin Singleton, Andrew Perkins, Garth Slater, Fiona Hopkins.

Sitting l-r: Jason Edwards, Jean Noble, Robin Howe (chairman), Carol Bilverstone (clerk) Hayley Huskinson.

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DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE 15 – JULY 15

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
4 June	Thurs	The Fenland Ark, talk by Allan Bottell	7.30pm	Wildlife Trust Centre, 710420
6 June	Sat	Meet & Munch Spring Party	1pm	Jan Howe, 814393
7 June	Sun	No service at St Peter's, Upwood		
7 June	Sun	Gran Rondo - Round Cambridgeshire Cycle Race	12-4pm	http://www.tourofcambridgeshire.com/Road_Closures.php
11 June	Thurs	UPA : Mischa Macpherson Trio	7.45pm	Village Hall, Doug 814114
14 June	Sun	Holy Communion, St Peter's Church	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
14 June	Sun	Rural Museum: Family Fun Day	11 -4pm	Ian Gaunt 710702
15 June	Mon	Gardening Club: Talk on Self Sufficiency	7.30pm	Ramsey Community Centre, Ian 710702
17 June	Wed	Alconbury Weston and Upton walk	10am	Adrian, 07983 850886
20/21 June	Sat & Sun	Rural Museum: display of miniature steam engines & fire appliances	TBC	Ian Gaunt 710702
20/21 June	Sat & Sun	St Peter's Church Flower Festival	11-5pm	Jean Place 813742
21 June	Sun	Morning Prayer , St Peter's Church	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
21 June	Sun	Open Gardens & Scarecrow comp.	11-5pm	Josie Gaunt 710702
28 June	Sun	Family Communion with Lighthouse	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
28 June	Sun	Rural Museum: Murder Mystery afternoon	2.30-4.30pm	Ian Gaunt 710702
29 June	Mon	Home to Home : 'Lush' in Upwood	8pm	Jackie Johnson 711329
30 June	Tues	Upwood Quilters	10-4pm	Village Hall, Margaret 814031
5 July	Sun	No service at St Peter's, Upwood		
11 July	Sat	Meet & Munch: afternoon teas	3pm	Jan Howe 814393
12 July	Sun	Holy Communion, St Peter's	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
15 July	Wed	History Group: The Pathfinder Force	7.45pm	Village Hall, Andrew 812447
19 July	Sun	Morning Prayer , St Peter's Church	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
25 July	Sat	Gardening Club: Annual Show	1 - 4pm	Rural Museum – Ian 710702
26 July	Sun	Family Communion and Lighthouse	9.30am	Jean Place 813742
27 July	Mon	Home to Home: bowling trip	6.30pm	Jackie Johnson 711329
28 July	Tues	Upwood Quilters	1.30pm	Village Hall, Margaret 814031
FUTURE EVENTS				
1 Aug	Sat	Meet & Munch afternoon teas	3pm	Jan Howe 814393
1 & 2 Aug	Sat/Sun	R. Museum: Steam & Vintage Show	TBC	Ian Gaunt 710702
9 Aug	Sun	R Museum: Model Railway Day	10 – 5	Ian Gaunt 710702
24 Aug	Mon	Home to Home: quiz	8pm	Jackie Johnson 711329
5 Sept	Sat	Meet & Munch afternoon teas	3pm	Jan Howe 814393
10 Sept	Thurs	UPA: Johnny Coppin	7.45pm	Doug 814114
12 Sept	Sat	History Group trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens	All day	Paul Charman 814707
16 Sept	Wed	History Group: Barry Williams	7.45pm	Village Hall, Andrew 812447

Deadline for the August Issue is 15 July 2015

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the village hall on the first Monday of each month (the second Monday if the first is a bank holiday) at 7:00pm. It doesn't meet in August. All are welcome to attend. Agendas and detailed minutes are posted on the noticeboards and are available on the parish website.

Following the elections in May, the chairman, Councillor Robin Howe, reflected on the contributions of Keith Sisman and Gill Shelford, both of whom had served on the PC for several years. "Keith added his unique brand of humour and personality to everything he did for the parish. His unwavering commitment to road safety has raised the awareness of the problem of speed and safety across the parish and beyond and his contribution will be sorely missed". "Gill added her quiet and determined style to Council proceedings and made a valuable contribution to the organisation of the cemetery and to the general appearance of the village which she patrolled so assiduously every day". The chairman added his sincere thanks on behalf of the Council both to Mr Sisman and to Mrs Shelford. Both will be missed.

In their place Hayley Huskinson and Robin Singleton were welcomed as new councillors. "As owner of The Cross Keys, Hayley has a unique opportunity to engage with parish residents whom she meets every day in her bars and restaurant. We expect this to open up a new communication channel to and from the Parish Council about feelings, suggestions and complaints concerning parish life and we expect Hayley to make a great contribution to the Council whilst raising the profile of the pub among parish residents". "Robin Singleton has had a distinguished career in the Royal Air Force achieving the rank of Wing Commander and finally Officer Commanding Administration Wing for RAF Linton on Ouse. She brings a huge amount of management and organisational ability which, added to her strong personality and willingness to get the job done will make her a great asset to the Parish Council".

Portfolio responsibilities were discussed and will be confirmed in the next edition of the newsletter together with councillor contact details.

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May was well supported by community groups. The diversity of activities available in this parish is quite remarkable. The meeting served to celebrate achievements and to recognise the commitment of so many volunteers who help to make this such a positive community.

The Parish Council are keen to recruit members for three working parties to help progress the Community Led Plan. Those with an interest in Roads and Road Safety; Communications; or Housing and Planning are invited to contact Fiona Hopkins 710045, CLP Coordinator for further details..

Carol Bilverstone: Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

SPOTLIGHT ON 2 NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS



Robin Singleton retired to Ramsey in 1998 with over 30 years' service in the RAF and 7 in the Civil Service under her belt. Throughout her life she has participated in sport and continues to play golf regularly at Ramsey Golf Club.

Robin moved to Upwood in July 2012. She is a member of the U3A in Ramsey, with particular interest in the Family History Group researching her family, and also belongs to the Home to Home group in Upwood, as well as assisting with the delivery of the village newsletter and attending St Peter's Church. She believes that she can make a worthwhile contribution to the life of the parish which is now very much her home, after a peripatetic life.



Hayley Huskinson moved to Ramsey in 2002 where she worked for BUPA, moving into catering within the same organisation. She returned to nursing in the community for 2 years before taking a tenanted pub in Kent. Hearing that the Cross Keys Public House was for sale she purchased it. Hayley thinks a village pub is the heart of a community. "It's amazing how people open up to you when you're standing behind a bar and tell you all their troubles. If I can listen and

put a smile back on a person's face, that in return makes me smile. People are very important to me, whoever they are and if I can help keep the community spirit going in anyway then I'm happy to help".

The newsletter's editorial team would like to say a big 'thank you' to Gill Shelford who has been our link with the Parish Council for the last couple of years. She ensured that parishioners were kept informed of the latest Parish Council developments through this newsletter. We are very sorry to lose her but hope to have an equally fruitful relationship with her successor.

THE GRAN FONDO: ROUND CAMBRIDGESHIRE CYCLE RACE: ROAD CLOSURES

This 125 km cycle race comes to our parish on Sunday 7 June. It is the first truly authentic continental closed road Gran Fondo in this country and will result in some of our roads being closed for several hours. However why not look at this as an opportunity to see some really top class sport on our doorstep and make a day of it? Between 12 and 4pm the following roads will be closed: Great Raveley; Raveley Road & Upwood Road: Upwood; Huntingdon Road, Ramsey Road & Longholme Road. For further information please go to:

http://www.tourofcambridgeshire.com/Road_Closures.php

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP



The History Group meets at 7.45 pm in the Upwood Village Hall on the third Wednesday of alternate months. We also organise visits to sites of interest either locally or more distantly. Recently members enjoyed a wonderful day at Wrest Park where they had the pleasure of a highly interesting and entertaining guided tour around the gardens. While

some members wandered the grounds others took advantage of a rare opportunity to see the wonderful original Chinese wallpaper that still clings to the walls in 3 of the upstairs room. A third 'backstage' tour covered the stores and the many treasures that Wrest Park looks after for many of the other English heritage houses in the region. The whole day was totally fascinating and if you haven't visited Wrest Park then don't delay – you will not be disappointed.

The meeting on 20 May was our AGM followed by a talk from Fiona Lucraft on 'Great Meals in Literature'. Fiona is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and, as usual, gave us a great evening. In July (15) there will be a talk on 'The History of the Pathfinder Force' by Kevin Dailey. This is particularly appropriate this year with the 70th anniversary of VE day. As you will see below we welcome visitors. On 16 September we have a talk by Barry Williams on 'The History of Ramsey Abbey'. It is hoped that this will raise a lot of local interest.

The cost for an annual membership of the History Group is £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at a cost of £3. Why not come along and try one of our meetings? For further information please contact Andrew Bilverstone 812447, email bilvers@btinternet.com

UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION



Hail, rain, wind & sun – what a mixture of weather we have had recently for the gardener and allotment grower. It has been challenging to say the least. However, we at the allotments are delighted that the ditches around the allotment site at Upwood have now been cleaned out so all that surplus water has somewhere to go – a big 'Thank You' to the parish

council.

URCAA hopes to join in the Upwood Open Gardens Day on Sunday 21 June so do make sure you include the allotments in your walk around the village and visit the plots that will be marked as 'open' for visitors. You may be surprised at how much is happening up on the allotments. Look out for the scarecrows!

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



The 2015 Doubles Champions are Mark Custerton and Geoff Eastal. The winners received the trophy and a prize of Easter eggs provided by Tesco, Ramsey. All 4 finalists received engraved medallions. The tournament got off to a rocky start with last minute withdrawals, but all obstacles were overcome by some clever juggling and an excellent evening's entertainment followed.

The Wednesday afternoon club membership continues to rise with 16 full members, regularly supplemented by excellent attendance from Tuesday night players. If you fancy having a go at this fun game contact David William: 812923 or email hollyhouse.upwood@tiscali.co.uk

UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB



The cricket club has had a mixed start to the year. Our newly appointed captain resigned before the season started resulting in our second team captain stepping up and a new second team captain having to be found at short notice. We have struggled somewhat to get enough adult players and unfortunately we have had to field an adult team with less than eleven players. Anyone who is interested in playing would be most welcome, even if just to play one or two games. Please let Neil at npe.tuffin@gmail.com know if you think you can help in anyway.

However our junior section is doing well with over 24 children attending training on Monday nights but new people are welcome, particularly any secondary school age children. We held a 'Fun day' on Bank Holiday Monday with a bouncy castle and games. This was a great success with lots of mums, dads, youngsters and other club members; the weather was as good as you could hope for early May. We also held our quiz night in March and this too was well attended with eleven teams competing. Thank you those who turned up especially if they were not affiliated to the club.

GREAT FEN LOCAL GROUP

Illustrated talk: St Withburga's, the Fenland Ark, by Allan Bottell. 7.30pm, Thur 4 June. Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Chapel Rd, Ramsey Heights PE26 2RS. £3. For further information contact 710420, or go to info@greatfen.org.uk

Mid-week walk: Alconbury Weston and Upton. 10am, Wed 17 June. Meet opposite White Hart pub, Vinegar Hill, Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JA, for a 5-mile walk. £2.50. Contact 07983 850886, adriankempster001@gmail.com

MEET AND MUNCH

'Meet and Munch' opened its doors again on May 2, following on from the Lent Lunches & will continue serving teas mainly on the first Saturday of the month from June to September between 3pm and 4.30pm.

Members are reminded that the June 6 meeting is our party lunch from 1pm till 2.30pm. This year the theme is "The sun has got his hat on" so it would be great to see some lovely hats & party clothes worn by the ladies and gentlemen. Members are asked to take note that the July meeting is on the second Saturday, i.e. 11 July not the usual first Saturday of the month.

If you are over 55 and would like more details or would like to join this friendly group, please contact Jan Howe on 814393.

THE GREAT WAR: 100 YEARS ON

June this year will see the 100th anniversary of the first of those from our parish killed in the First World War and whose names are on the War Memorial in St Peter's church; John Thomas Deighton who enlisted in the Army Reserves at the age of 41 in 4th Beds regiment (Private 7327). On March 22 he was discharged as medically unfit after serving 199 days in the reserves. He died at home 3 months later on 15 June 1915 and is remembered in St Peter's on the altar book-rest.

George William Shelton (Private 19359) of the 2nd Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment was killed in action on the 16 June 1915 and is commemorated at Le Touret Memorial in Pas de Calais. George's name is also on the Ramsey War memorial.

We will be remembering these two servicemen during our church service on 14 June. Also, as we celebrate 70 years of the ending of the Second World War, we should remember the two servicemen from our parish who gave their lives in that war in 1941 - Harold James Brown and Preston Mason. *Tony Place*

PARISH WEBSITE: (www.upwood.org)

This fantastic Parish resource is managed voluntarily by the webmaster, who is a parishioner. You can send information that you would like included, update the information already held, access the minutes of Parish Council meetings, see previous editions of this newsletter, as well as finding a growing number of contact numbers for local organisations, clubs and services available e.g. plumbers. You will also find a wealth of information about what is happening in the Parish.

If you would like anything included on this website, or you have problems accessing it, please contact: **webmaster@upwood.org**

FOCUS ON UPWOOD ART GROUP (UAG)

The Saturday morning we went to speak to the members of Upwood Art Group (known as UAG) everyone was concentrating on their own piece; some were drawing the cyclamen that organiser Frances Ashfield had brought in as a stimulus that morning and others were painting their own choice of subject. It was a very welcoming atmosphere and we were greeted warmly by everyone. Frances said that her aim with the group is that it is fun, with no rules, it's open to all ages and abilities, people can enjoy themselves and possibly learn to draw and paint along the way. Surveying the results around the room we would say that she is certainly achieving her aims.



UAG started over 15 years ago when Frances' boss at CCC expressed a wish to learn to draw. Frances offered to help her and they started in Frances' conservatory. Word of this informal art lesson soon spread and others joined in until the members outgrew her home and the group booked UVH. The rest as they say is 'history' and UAG has grown in numbers and reputation ever since.



The members now enjoy an annual week's trip to the Isle of Wight and can exhibit their work at least once a year. New members, or visitors, are always very welcome.

Frances started her working life in the rag trade designing dresses and finished up having responsibility for allocating all the fashion for C&A. She described going through Oxford Street sketching all the latest designs from the window displays so that she could 'pinch' their ideas. One day in Selfridges she was 'arrested' and taken to the manager's office where she was given 'a dressing down' for her plagiarising behaviour.

We spoke to the members as they continued their paintings and this is what some of them had to say about their experience of UAG:

Sam joined UAG when it moved into the Village Hall 15 years ago this September. She said that she has continued to regularly attend the meetings as she works in London during the week and it's the only chance she gets to sit down and do some art. She fears that if she didn't come to the group her art skills would suffer from a lack of practice. Being interrupted by good natured banter from her colleagues, Sam says that she goes on the trips as a part-time carer and full-time coffee maker!





Bram is one of the newest members of UAG, starting about 18 months ago. He found out about the group on the internet when he was searching for art groups in the area, having recently moved into the area. To use Bram's own words 'following one failure I found what I needed here at UAG'.

Saturdays mornings really suit him and he enjoys the journey from Sawtry. He likes the freedom and companionship that UAG offers. He has exhibited his work as part of the annual UAG art exhibition and has sold some of his work. Bram would encourage anyone interested in painting to come along to the meetings.



At 10 Owen is the youngest member of the group. One of his mum's friends told her about UAG, so in September 2014 he joined the group (accompanied by mum, Sam, who initially did not participate) and says that Frances has helped him to develop his skills and keeps encouraging him to expand his repertoire to include colour and things other

than those associated with warfare. Mum Sam succumbed to the UAG 'draw' when she won a sketchbook in the UAG Christmas raffle. She felt that she shouldn't waste it, and although she says that she often struggles she finds art calming and relaxing; a bit of an oasis from the demands of family life. Sam says that she and Owen were made to feel very welcome from their first day and she would recommend UAG to anyone.



We had a chat with John who Frances described as the most talented 'drawer' in the group. He is a Welshman who lived in South Africa for 30 years and draws very heavily on these influences in his pictures. He draws from memory and says that most of his drawings are based on animals. About 5 or 6 years ago John was looking through the entrants in the AA's photography competition when he saw a scene that really appealed to him and he is currently recreating that scene

(from memory!) He has been attending the group for about 4 years and prior to that hadn't painted for about 20 years owing to his work commitments. Coming to UAG has encouraged him to start painting again. He says that the group is very friendly and welcoming.

Each week a stimulus is supplied but no one has to draw it – there is complete freedom of choice. In the past the group has had a paid male model to pose for them (not nude!) but he is not able to come anymore so if you fancy being a model one Saturday morning have a word with Frances, she would love to hear from you.

For further information contact: Frances 711411

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



May Day

This term we celebrated the arrival of finer weather with our traditional May Day event. This year we once again performed dances from around the world to family and friends, giving the children the opportunity to research their chosen country within class Geography lessons. Year 6 pupils had the biggest challenge of all, the traditional Maypole dance! The children always show great enthusiasm for this annual event.

Summer Term

We have lots of outdoor events to look forward to during this term, including residential trips, Sports Day and the Summer Fayre. The children also make good use of the school swimming pool, with weekly lessons for each class in June and July. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



The Club meets in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of most months with a variety of talks and demonstrations. It is a friendly group that is aimed at everyone who is interested in gardens or plants, not just experienced gardeners. In addition visits are arranged to gardens such as the Royal Horticultural Society gardens.

In April Andrew Mikolajski gave an interesting and informative talk covering the history of apples, including their cultures, supporting his talk with slides depicting a large range of varieties. Janet Buist presented a talk on salvias in May and on 15 June we shall be told about 'Self Sufficiency from your Garden' by Nigel Start; these 3 meetings illustrate the diversity of the programme offered to members.

There are no meetings in July and August but on 25 July we will hold our annual show at the Ramsey Rural Museum. This is open to entries from all members of the community (you do NOT need to be a member of RDGC) and there are classes for flowers, pot plants, vegetables, fruit, cookery and preserves, handicrafts, floral art and photography. The schedule can be obtained from Ian Gaunt (see below)

Annual membership of the Club costs £10 but visitors are welcome to individual meetings at £2. For further information please contact Ian Gaunt 710702, ian.gaunt@care4free.net

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



Your local museum in Wood Lane Ramsey is now open for the 2015 season. Throughout the season, until the end of October, the museum will be open on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. Visits for groups can be arranged at other times including refreshments and guided tours.

It is a very interesting museum with extensive social history exhibits as well as those related to agriculture and horticulture. Why not consider this as venue for your group? Even if you have visited before there are changes and new exhibits that make another visit worthwhile.

The museum is hosting a variety of events in the coming months. On Sunday June 14 there will be an animal based 'Animal Family Fun Day', with exhibitions of dog agility and dog shows (bring your dog along). Heavy horses, ponies, donkeys, alpacas, owls, ferrets and other animals will also be on show. It is also hoped craft demonstrations will take place. Cost of entry is £3 or £4.50 to cover entrance to the 'Fun Day' plus the museum displays.

On the weekend of 20 and 21 June there will be a rally of miniature steam engines and displays with classic fire appliances. The cost is £4.50 (£4.00 for concessions and £2.50 for children over 5). On June 28 there is a murder mystery afternoon, including a performance and refreshments for £7.50.

The Ramsey Garden Club show will be held at the museum on 25 July. Entrance to the show is free with the usual charges to visit the museum displays.

For further information please contact Ian Gaunt 710702, ian.gaunt@care4free.net

UPWOOD FETE

It is sadly regretted that, due to a lack of committee members, it has been decided that there will be no village fete this year. The bank account needs to be closed, so any Parish organisation or club wishing to apply for funding should contact the treasurer Carol Barker at 9 Helens Close, Upwood, enclosing a proposal as to how the money will be used. Successful applicants will be informed in the near future.

CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The County Council has received registrations to alter the following service: Stagecoach Busway A / B and new 15 / 15A / 15B
6:20am journey between Ramsey and St Ives now 5 minutes later (Monday to Friday)
Date of change 24/05/2015. Contact Stagecoach directly for further details.

RAMSEY BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club goes from strength to strength. We recorded 6½ tables during the last month, but new players are always most welcome. On election night we met at Pat and Dave Tester's house having been turned out of Bury Village Hall!

We are hoping to start a 'friendly' bridge club in Upwood for anyone who would like to learn the basics before joining an established club. Initially, the idea is to meet in someone's home, with no cost involved. Anyone interested in this, or a 'refresher' lesson can contact Paddy Slater.

For more information on either Ramsey Bridge Club or the new Upwood Bridge Club please contact Paddy Slater 812006; email: paddy@gpslater.co.uk *Paddy Slater*

WEA: UPWOOD BRANCH

WEA



Learning for Life

The new course programme for Upwood WEA for 2015/6 was announced at the AGM in May and we are delighted to confirm that the course fees will not be increased for the next year.

Autumn: The History of Cambridge with Honor Ridout – 10 weeks starting 23 September 2015 from 10.00 - 11.45am, including a refreshment break. Course fee is £48.

Summer 2016: Royal Gardens with Andrew Sankey – 7 weeks starting 6 April 2016 from 8 – 10 pm including refreshment break. Course fee is £45.

Spring Day Schools:

11 Feb 2016: 'The Friendly Invasion – the US Army Air Force in East Anglia' with Ian McLachlan. The course covers the combat history, cultural impact and legacy of the American presence during World War 2".

03 March 2016: 'Pomp & Circumstance' with Chloe Cockerill – From the orb to the sceptre, it will examine the significance of the symbols of Royal ceremonies and sovereignty.

Both Day schools run from 10 am – 4 pm and the fee is £18.00 each.

More details will be available nearer the time but if you would like to reserve a place on any of these courses or would like more information about Upwood WEA, just contact Liz Carter (Secretary) by email on liz@backtracks.biz or by phone 813008 (voicemail).

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

The box office is now open for Autumn 2015 Shows at UVH:-

Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver (with support from Cup O'Joe)

Thursday 10 September at 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.50



Johnny Coppin and Mike Silver play music from the soul, delivered with powerful conviction in the truest sense of that word. The combination of Johnny's piano and Mike's guitar gets right to the heart of the listener and their live shows encapsulate a blend of skill and powerful emotion.



Cup O'Joe is made up of three siblings, Benjamin, Reuben and Tabitha Agnew from Armagh N. Ireland, who play an energetic style of Bluegrass & Gypsy Jazz music. They were finalists in the Radio 2 Young Folk Award 2015.

Melrose Quartet

Thursday 15 October at 7.45pm

Tickets: £12.50

We are delighted to welcome to UVH Nancy Kerr, winner of the prestigious Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year Award 2015, as part of Melrose Quartet. Glorious four-part harmony singing combines with crunchy twin fiddles, full-bodied melodeon and powerful bouzouki in a set that will leave your heart singing and your feet tapping.



Nicholas Collett performs "Nelson, A Sailor's Story"

Thursday 12 November at 7.45pm

Tickets: £10.00

Chris Newman & Maire Ni Chathasaigh – Celtic Christmas Strings

Thursday 10 December at 7.45pm

£14.00

Box Office: 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

CROSS KEYS



Hayley & Graham have now been 'behind the bar' at the Cross Keys for a year. They continue to offer 'specials' throughout the week but are open to suggestions from their customers.

Currently on offer are:

Every Wednesday & Thursday: over 55's lunch: 2 courses for £7.95

Every Thursday evening: 2 steaks & bottle of wine for £30

Saturday 4 July: Beer festival & Bar-B-Q from 1pm.

Beer festival, Bar-B-Q and music update will soon be on the Cross Keys Facebook page.

UPWOOD ST PETER'S CHURCH

APCM

At the Vestry meeting before the APCM Anne Marie Cracknell and Jean Place were re-elected to serve for this coming year as churchwardens. Thanks were given to Mervyn Harvey and Vernon Cracknell who were stepping down from the PCC. Robin Singleton and Ian Rowbotham were elected to serve on the PCC for the next three years. The reports given at St Peter's APCM are displayed at the back of the Church for public view and can be read through as the Church is open daily during daylight hours.

Many thanks

On Friday 8 May we held a coffee morning in aid of the flower festival. It was a well-attended morning and raised £170 towards oasis and flowers.

Many people helped to ensure that the Hobby show on Saturday 16 May in the Village Hall was a success. This would not have been possible without so many people taking part in one way or another. What a good day it was!

Thank you to everyone who supported both events.

St Peter's Flower Festival



"Bible Stories in Bloom"



Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 June in Upwood St Peter's Church from 11am – 5pm

Free entrance Refreshments

Donations to the church will be very welcome

Contact: annemarie.upwood@virgin.net 812195

On Sunday 21 June from 11am-5pm you can visit various gardens in Upwood village during the bi-annual Open Gardens Event. Why not make a day of it and visit the church and the gardens?

Chris Silcock

The church was full on Tuesday 7 April for folks to say 'thank you' for the life of Chris Silcock, who had been an active member of St Peter's Church for many years. Rev'd Mary Jepp returning to Upwood took the service, telling us that Chris had left detailed instructions of what he wanted, including the hymns, music and readings. Chris, a founder member of the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir, had requested that they sang during the service, and I am pleased to say there were a good number of them there to help the singing along. I thought that because Chris had organized everything he must have organized the weather too, because the day was lovely and sunny, a day just made for a party to celebrate his life.

Jean Place

HOME TO HOME

The emphasis of our group is to have fun. Our meetings are held on a Monday evening in the village hall and start at 8.00pm. We aim to interest women of all ages and have a wide range of speakers, activities and demonstrations in our 2015 programme. Guests are warmly welcome to come along and join us on the evening. We do ask for a £3 entrance but that will include your refreshment.

For our April meeting we had milliner Helen Tilley entertain us with how her love of all things 'hat' began as a hobby and slowly grew into something else instead. Her skills are such now that no hat is too small or too big and each one unique and delightful whether it's for keeping warm in the middle of winter or a suitable confection for Ascot's Ladies Day. In May Amanda, a Ramsey florist, showed us how to create delightful floral arrangements. Once again we were amazed by the talents of our members.

Our next meeting, on 29 June, will be an evening with 'Lush Fresh Homemade Cosmetics' and our summer outing, for members only, will be 10-pin bowling at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley on 27 July.

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The orchard has had a busy year getting settled in. All of the trees have survived the difficult ground conditions and are growing on well. Work has been done over this winter to improve both the drainage of the site and the ground levels around the trees. Using some of the free trees supplied by the Woodlands Trust a stretch of native hedging has been planted dividing the orchard from the allotment parking area. Ian and Josie Gaunt have kindly donated an oak bench and this has been placed at the top of the orchard with views across the orchard and village rooftops to the fields beyond. Two raised beds, located either side of the bench, have been built and planted with lavender. Wild cowslips are already colonising the grass areas around the orchard and as spring moves into summer we are hoping to see an increase in insect life. The orchard is now starting to take shape and even this early in its life will be a pleasant place to pause awhile to enjoy some peace and quiet time before returning back to the many demands we all have in our lives.

QUIZZERS OF UPWOOD AND BEYOND – ADVANCE NOTICE!

Following our successful fund-raising quiz last September we will be holding another one this autumn, on Saturday 3 October. Your ticket will include tea and coffee refreshments and pudding too. Last year's quiz was won by Postman Pete's Team. Will they be able to retain their title?

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Julia Evans	711388
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