

Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

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DIARY OF EVENTS: JUNE – JULY 2016

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact
June				
4 June	Sat	Meet & Munch June Party – 90 Glorious Years	1pm	Village Hall: Jan; 814393
5 June	Sun	Gran Fondo – 2 nd cycle tour of Cambs	12 – 5pm	
5 June	Sun	Morning Prayer: St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie: 812195
6 June	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Village Hall: Parish Clerk; 812448
7 June	Tues	Cambridgeshire Community Fair: Free entry	2-6pm	Burgess Hall: Lisa.Chambers@cambsacre.org.uk
11 June	Sat	Queen's 90 birthday party	12-4.30pm	Cross Keys: Hayley; 813384
12 June	Sun	Holy Communion: St Peter's	9.30am	Anne-Marie; 812195
17 June	Fri	History Trip to Woolsthorpe Manor	11am	Colsterworth: Pauline; 814114
19 June	Sun	Morning Prayer: St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie: 812195
24 June	Fri	DIVA Opera Arias around the Garden	7-9pm	Abbots Ripton Hall Gardens www.abbotsriptonhall.co.uk
25 June	Sat	Jazz Evening featuring Deeping Dixielanders Jazz Band & Upwood Ukuleles	5.50 – 8pm	Tickets available on the door or www.abbotsriptonhall.co.uk
25 & 26 June	Sat & Sun	Abbots Ripton Garden Show	10- 5pm	Tickets available in advance from www.abbotsriptonhall.co.uk
26 June	Sun	No service at St Peters but at Abbots Ripton Hall	10am	Anne-Marie: 812195
28 June	Tues	Quilt Group	1.30- 4pm	Village Hall: Margaret; 814031
July				
2 July	Sat	Meet & Munch	3.00pm	Village Hall: Jan; 814393
3 July	Sun	Strawberry Tea	3 -5pm	77 High Street: Josie 710702
3 July	Sun	Morning Prayer: St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie: 812195
4 July	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Village Hall: Parish Clerk; 812448
10 July	Sun	Holy Communion: St Peter's	9.30am	Anne-Marie; 812195
16 July	Sat	Music at the Rural Museum: Ramsey Choral Society	5.30 – 9pm	Rural Museum:813562 or www.ramseychoral.org
17 July	Sun	Morning Prayer: St Peter's Church	9.30am	Anne-Marie: 812195
20 July	Wed	History Group: Chris Carr: Boudica	7.45pm	Village Hall: Andrew ;812447
24 July	Sun	Holy Communion: St Peter's	9.30am	Anne-Marie; 812195
26 July	Tues	Quilt Group	1.30- 4pm	Village Hall: Margaret; 814031
Future Events				
19 August	Fri	UPA: Mischa MacPherson Trio	7.00pm	Carlton House: Doug; 814114
15 Sept	Thurs	UPA: Cup O' Joe	7.15pm	Village Hall: Doug; 814114
20 Sept	Tues	WEA: Victorian Crime & Punishment	10am	Village Hall: Liz; 813008
21 Sept	Wed	History Group: History of the W.I.	7.45pm	Village Hall: Andrew 812447
14 Oct	Fri	UPA: Chris While & Julie Matthews	7.15pm	Village Hall: Doug; 814114

Deadline for the August / September newsletter is 15 July 2016

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 09 May 2016 for its Annual Parish Council Meeting, and to host the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting opened with unanimous agreement to re-elect Councillor Robin Howe as chairman and Councillor Garth Slater as vice-chairman. Members congratulated Councillor Howe on his recent appointment as Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council and were sorry to learn that he will be unable to continue as Parish Council chairman in the long term. Councillor Howe will assist in formulating a succession plan and offering his support in the training and transition of a new chairman in the coming months.

Councillor portfolio responsibilities can be found on the parish website.

Councillors welcomed an offer to make a joint purchase of Speedwatch equipment and to work collaboratively with Wistow and Bury Parish Councils. Councillors agreed that although this would be an unplanned expenditure (£833.00); speeding traffic continues to be a matter of concern to parishioners, highlighted through the results of the Community Led Plan.

The annual parish meeting was enlivened by the presentation reports from seventeen community organisations. The chairman concluded the meeting by asking “whoever said there was nothing to do in Upwood?” and thanking those who had taken the time to prepare reports for this meeting. The Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to engage with younger members of our community and hopes that children from Upwood Primary School will attend to present their own reports next year.

Councillor Howe noted that every Parish Council in his ward complains about the lack of public transport. He thanked Jo Philpott, Manager of Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport for raising the profile of HACT once again. The door to door service provided throughout this area and beyond is outstanding and parishioners are strongly encouraged to use this service.

The next meetings will be held on Monday, 06 June and Monday 04 July 2016 at Upwood Village Hall, 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Agendas and detailed minutes of Parish Council meetings; policy documents and further information about Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council are available at **www.upwood.org**.

Carol Bilverstone: Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,
Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



In March the club had its annual dinner at the Cross Keys. The food and service were excellent and everyone present had a good time. The chairman, David Williams, gave a short speech stating how surprised and delighted he was that the club had grown from 6 members in 2007 to its present level of 50 members. He thanked Ann and Bob Deaville and Peter Angier for organizing the evening's quiz and Geoff and Mags Dudley for running the raffle. He also emphasized the importance of having these social occasions outside of the normal club table tennis meetings.



On May 3 we had a Doubles tournament, with 11 pairs competing for the "German Trophy". Wendy Catlow & Pauline Williams beat Brenda Manning & Roger Albone 3-1 in the final. The evening was controlled by Paul Evans with his usual efficiency. Prizes were donated by Tesco, Ramsey

UTTC play every Tuesday from 7.30pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm in the Upwood Village Hall. For more information about the club phone me, David Williams: **812923**

GRAN FONDO TOUR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE CYCLE RACE: ROAD CLOSURES



Last year the inaugural tour of Cambridgeshire was greeted enthusiastically by parishioners who lined the route to cheer on the competitors. So let's see if we can make the race, due to be staged on Sunday 5 July, an even bigger and more inclusive event than it was last year. Bring your beach chairs, picnics, sunhats & umbrellas and line the roads ready to cheer on the cyclists & make their journey seem easier.

PLEASE NOTE: This year the race is coming **THROUGH** Upwood Village as well as Great Raveley. Road Closures in Great Raveley and Upwood between **12.00 and 16.45**
Route: Woodwalton - Great Raveley - Upwood (Meadow Road - High Street - Uggmere Court Road)

For further info go to: http://www.tourofcambridgeshire.com/Road_Closures.php

UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Cookery Workshops

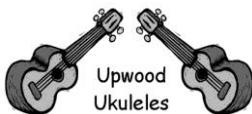
Upwood Primary School pupils have been developing their cookery skills. Each Key Stage 1 year group, welcomed Carole Youngman and her team from the Cambridgeshire Catering Service into their classes. The staff at Upwood Primary School consider cookery to be a key part of the curriculum, as it develops independence in later life and can foster an interest in healthy eating. Overall the aim of the workshops was to give the children a greater understanding of where food comes from and how to create a tasty dish from scratch using healthy ingredients.

With the 'Cooks on the Move' the children made cakes, bread and pizza and were taught many cookery skills including mixing, kneading and chopping safely. At the end of the session each child was able to eat their cookery project. Staff felt that this was the part of the session the children enjoyed the most!

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 during this term, with weekly lessons for each class in June and July. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

UPWOOD UKULELES



We have now raised £3603.58 for Magpas Helimedix through our charity performances. We have a busy summer schedule coming up with public performances at the Abbots Ripton Garden Show Gala Jazz Evening on Saturday 25 June, Wisbech Rose Festival on Thursday 30 June, a concert with Ramsey Choral Society at Ramsey Rural Museum on Saturday 16 July and Warboys Community Association on Sunday 31 July. Unfortunately all dates for our Christmas shows in December 2016 have been filled.

For further enquiries please contact: Pauline & Doug McLeod: **814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com**

Please send all articles intended for publication in this newsletter to upwoodnl@hotmail.co.uk and not to the editors' personal email addresses, unless specifically asked to do so, as they could get missed. Many thanks. *The editors*

UPWOOD & RAVELEYS COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



*** WE HAVE ALLOTMENT PLOTS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW***

Now that spring has arrived, surely summer can't be far away? Why not try your hand at growing some tasty salad greens, some crunchy French beans or some succulent strawberries? You get the benefit of home-grown produce plus the exercise in cultivating them.

We have some mini-plots available at the Upwood site – perfect for the ‘weekend gardener’. One has ready-made beds so you can decide what to plant where and get stuck in. We also have some larger, half-size plots which can, if there is demand, be made into smaller plots – ready to use right now. Finally, there are a couple of full-size plots for the more experienced grower. At Great Raveley we have a half-plot available. Rents range from £15 for a full-size plot down to £7.50 for a mini-plot, per year. Car parking on site is available at Upwood.

We can offer lots of advice on what to grow, how to grow it and where to get free stuff e.g. manure and soil improver. We are a really friendly bunch of folk, all keen to ‘grow-our-own’ and enjoying the escape that having an allotment plot can provide in a stressful 21st Century.

If you are interested in trying your hand at growing your own do get in touch with Liz Carter (secretary) on **813008** or email liz@backtracks.biz OR Ali Miles (chairman) on **710548** or email amiles@gotadsl.co.uk



Strawberry Tea

Sunday 3 July from 3—5pm

in the garden of

77 High Street, Upwood

by kind permission of Josie & Ian Gaunt

Tickets £5

(Tickets can only be bought from Josie in person or ring 710702)

Proceeds to be divided

**between St Peter's Church,
Village Hall & the newsletter**



UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Autumn Programme Tickets are now on sale for the following shows:-

Thursday 15 September	Cup O'Joe	£10.00
Friday 14 October	Chris While & Julie Matthews	£12.50
Sunday 27 November	James Hill	£12.50

Box Office for all events: 814114 / pndmcleod@btinternet.com

UPWOOD ST PETER'S CHURCH

This year the **Strawberry Tea will be hosted by Josie and Ian Gaunt at 77 High Street** and will be held on Sunday 3 July. More details can be found in the separate notice on page 6.

Abbotts Ripton Garden Show

Every two years, this great event fundraises for many local charities, one of which is St Peter's Church. This year there are many changes to this amazing week-end, which runs 25-26 June, with 2 special evenings.

On Friday 24 June between 7pm and 9pm there will be a "DIVA Opera Arias around the Garden" and on Saturday 25 June a Jazz Party evening (5.30-8pm). The Friday Gala tickets are by invitation and can be booked online at www.abbotsriptonhall.co.uk and for Saturday tickets can be obtained at the door. The Jazz evening will feature the Deeping Dixielanders Jazz Band and our own popular Upwood Ukuleles.

The Garden Show is open on Saturday and Sunday from 10-5pm and all details can be found on the web site. Amongst the things on offer during the weekend are a wide variety of stalls, a range of talks, music, food and a local food & drink fayre. This event is a fantastic treat for all the family and well worth attending.

We had our A.P.C.M. and vestry meeting in April. AnneMarie Cracknell was elected to serve as churchwarden, I have stood down and so we only have one churchwarden at the moment. Please do support Anne-Marie in this coming year. *Jean Place*

We have also been ask to include this for Audrey Ayres:

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends in Upwood and locally, for the cards and good wishes sent to me following my fall in February. Your thoughtfulness was really appreciated and cheered me up at a very difficult time. Best wishes to you all.'

SPOTLIGHT ON UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Neil Tuffin kindly agreed to speak to me about this vibrant little club that plays on the ground it owns on Huntingdon Road. According to the Upwood Archives site UCC has been running for over 100 years. Neil suggested that I speak to Terry Ellington, one of the 'elder statesmen' of the current club, to tell me a little about when he started playing. Terry told me that originally the club played on a field loaned to it by Lady Shepperson. It was just one of their fields so the players had to cut the pitch with shears before they could play. One of the early rules that Terry remembers was that if you didn't help with the cutting of the pitch you didn't get picked for the team!



Neil has been involved with the club since he was about 12 years old. In his 30 years' of involvement he has filled many roles, including club captain, but he is currently the junior co-ordinator and coach, which he is thoroughly enjoying. *'We run junior teams at Under 9, Under 11 and Under 13 although we are currently struggling for Under 13 players. However, we run a joint Under 13 girls' team with Ramsey. We meet most Mondays from 5-30 to 6-30 for Under 9 and Under 11 and 6-30 till 7-30 pm for older ones.'*

Neil continued: *'Over the years we have had a very successful youth section and in fact if I recall correctly we were one of the first clubs in the area to really set one up in a big way. We have lots of junior members with about 24 coming to the Monday training nights. We have quite a few younger ones but we are always looking for more but we do struggle to retain older ones. Over the years we have had many success stories with Minor County Players, one making a living from playing cricket in New Zealand, two that have been highlighted for academies and now one 1st Class player and Under 19 world cup participant. To join youngsters just need to turn up on one Monday night or contact me. We also have lots of games against other teams planned. Under 9 use softballs and Under 11 and Under 13 upwards hard balls. The older youngsters can also play with the adults at the weekend. The first training session is free and then it is £15 for the summer and £2 a game for juniors, so do bring your children along and give cricket a go.'*



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Neil then told me about how adults can get involved with the club. *'All they have to do is contact me or just pop up the club one day. There is info on our website www.upwood.play-cricket.com. You do not have to be available to play in all the*

matches to be selected to play representatively, in fact we have quite a few members that do not play every game and some who just play occasionally. We have 2 adult teams. The 1sts have recently been promoted to Hunts League Division 3 which plays on Saturdays. The 2nds play in Hunts League Division 5 on Sundays.'



'The adult section of the club tries to meet once a week but at the moment we don't have a set time or day. You do not have to have played before to come along to the club so if anyone is interested do come along, maybe on a match day, and see if you like what is happening; if you do ask one of the players who will point you in the right direction.'

I then asked Neil about what local people could do to further advance Upwood Cricket Club. *'We have two level 2 coaches and I have a similar but older coaching qualification. We also have coaching helpers, who help out particularly with the younger ones. I am hoping to get one more this year but coaches and helpers are always needed. We also often need skilled trades people e.g. plumber, electrician particularly with the improvements we have made to the pavilion but we also need any willing helpers. Tea ladies (or gents) are always very welcome as would anyone happy to help behind the bar. One key area is for junior team managers who can help run the juniors but do not need to be coaches. Umpires and scorers are also key roles we are short of qualified or otherwise'*



'We are a small, proper village club who are serious about cricket but try not to take it too seriously. We are a very friendly bunch of people who always endeavour to give everyone who wants to play competitively a game, both adults and children. The ground is a very picturesque one to play on and our pitches are some of the best outside large town grounds. Spectators are always welcome and tea and coffee are available, as is something stronger. The improvements mentioned in the last newsletter are well underway but we still need to improve things for example a new sightscreen and another net facility. We are always looking at ways to make playing cricket in Upwood a more rewarding occasion.'

*To find out more about Upwood Cricket Club just go into the club's grounds if you see anyone around or contact Neil on **npe.tuffin@gmail.com** or ring **812924** for further information. The editors will certainly look forward to hearing from Neil in the future and finding out how things are progressing.*

HOME TO HOME

Upwood's informal ladies social club is enjoying a varied programme this year. In March we had a 'hands-on' evening with Nicola from Sugar Craft guiding us through making 'embroidery' flowers with which to decorate cakes. The guest for our April meeting was Christine, who set up the knitters' shop 'Yarn on the Square', in Ely. Before we looked at knitting she gave us an absolutely fascinating talk about a completely different type of 'nit'; her work prior to retirement involved the age-old problem of head lice! Members also had the opportunity to discuss any particular problems regarding their own knitting projects and to buy some beautiful and unusual yarns. Christine is turning her talents to giving courses in Ely now that the shop has ceased trading.

May saw a welcome return of our very popular Fashion Show, courtesy of Lincs Fashion; a few well-known local faces were spotted on the cat-walk! On 27 June we will be able to enjoy a relaxing-time with a 'Quiz & Cake evening', plus the opportunity to have a good chat to one another.

Our meetings are held on a Monday evening in the village hall and start at 8:00pm. We are always happy to welcome new members and the annual fee is £15.00. However guests are also warmly invited to come along and join us for an evening. We do ask for a £3 entrance but that will include your refreshment.

If you would like further information about membership please contact Anne-Marie on **812195**.

RAMSEY AND WARBOYS INFORMER

The Ramsey and Warboys Informer is pleased to be able to work with the Upwood and Raveleys Parish Council to ensure the residents of Great and Little Raveley have access to the Ramsey and Warboys Informer free community newspaper every month.

In Great Raveley the Ramsey and Warboys Informer can be picked up from the Newspaper Dropbox outside the front of "The Horse Shoes" and in Little Raveley the Ramsey and Warboys Informer will be kindly delivered through your door by one of your residents.

We would now love to feature any stories from or about the Raveleys, so if there's anything going on in the villages then please email us at **news@informer-newspapers.co.uk** or you can post or drop in your stories to our offices in the Ramsey Indoor Market, 62 High Street, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 1AA.

This also applies to the newsletter. We would love to include more Raveleys articles.

UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP



On a very wet afternoon in May, 9 intrepid members of the History Group arrived at the Countryside Classroom ready to explore the Rothschild bungalow. Alexander Rose was our very knowledgeable guide and he gave us a brief history of the Great Fen's progress to date before accompanying us to the bungalow, where we enjoyed exploring the rooms and their contents. Everyone agreed that despite the rain we had

had a brilliant afternoon. It was a shame that not more members were able to attend and anyone who hasn't visited the Great Fen or the Rothschild bungalow should certainly do so.

On 18 May Fiona Lucraft was her usual entertaining self when she visited the group and gave a talk entitled 'An Introduction to Shakespeare,' and on 20 July we will be welcoming Chris Carr who will be giving a presentation on 'Boudica, the Queen of the Iceni.'

Meetings are held in Upwood Village Hall starting at 7.45pm. Membership is £10 annually and visitors are most welcome at £3 per meeting. Refreshments are included in the entry fee.

We also have a trip planned to Woolsthorpe Manor, Colsterworth near Grantham on 17 June. If you are interested in joining us for this trip please contact Pauline on **814114** or email **pndmcleod@btinternet.com**, who will give you more details.

Please contact: Chairman Andrew Silverstone **812447** or **bilvers@btinternet.com** if you want to find out more about this vibrant group.

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE



Friday 27 May: Celebrate our 2nd anniversary: Live music and barbecue from 7.30pm onwards.

Every Wednesday: Morning breakfast club; 9 – 11am

Saturday 11 June: 'Bring and Share Party Celebrations' to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday; 12noon – 4.30pm

Saturday 2 July: 'Cross Keys Fun Day' with games, dog show, stalls, barbecue and live music; From 12 noon onwards.

Every Saturday: Saturday breakfast club; 9am – 11.30am.

Last Sunday each month: Cross Keys quiz nights; Teams of up to 6 people, £2 per head.

WEA UPWOOD BRANCH



Hot off the press – courses for Upwood, just announced at our AGM on 1st June:

Autumn Term 2016 – **Tuesday** mornings 10 – 11.45 am (not Wednesday as previous years) – Victorian Crime & Punishment with local tutor Liz Carter, starting 20 September 2016.

Summer Term 2017 – Wednesday evenings see the very welcome return of Fiona Lucraft with her new course 'The Self-Portrait'. More details nearer the time. Plus 2 Study Days in the Spring 2017 when we welcome back two popular tutors, Ian McLachlan with his 'Wings over East Anglia – the RAF in WW2' and Dr Wendy Hartnell talking about climate change – her new course looking at historic climate change events.

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**

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The museum in Wood Lane, Ramsey is now open from 10am to 5.00pm on Thursdays and 2.00 to 5.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. The museum is available for group visits at other times by arrangement. The facilities of the museum, tea room, barn or marquees can be made available for private events. Volunteers are

prepared to visit groups to give talks about the museum.

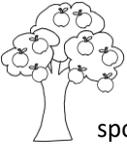
On the weekend of 11/12 June there will be a rally of miniature steam engines and displays of firefighting involving vintage equipment. This weekend will include a parade of the steam engines around Ramsey on the Saturday afternoon. As with all of the events, the museum and the tea room will be open for visitors as usual.

On June 26 there will be a Murder Mystery Matinee with refreshments during the performance. Tickets (priced £7.50) are available from the museum. There will be a concert by the Ramsey Choral Society on Saturday 16 July. As an added attraction this event will include a performance by the Upwood Ukuleles.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Ramsey Garden Club Show will be held at the museum on 30 July. The show will be open with free entrance from 2.00 to 4.00pm. These events can be combined with a tour of the museum.

For further information contact Ian Gaunt **710702**; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

UPWOOD COMMUNITY ORCHARD



We've had a busy start this year with a further 10 trees planted this March, including 2 quinces, 2 crab apples and 2 damsons, the others being further apple and pear trees. Of the 10 new trees 2 have already been sponsored so 8 are remaining and available for sponsorship - sponsorship is £25.00 per tree and if you'd like to find out more please contact Liz Carter on **813008**. The new hedge on the bottom boundary of the orchard has been completed using natural mixed hedging plants donated by The Woodland Trust. With arrangements in place for the orchard site to be 'rolled' routine mowing will begin shortly so the site is beginning to take on the form of a real orchard! The orchard is at the bottom of the allotment land on Meadow Road. Please drop by, take a few minutes to sit on the bench and enjoy the peace and quiet.

'Friends of the Community Orchard'

Anyone who would like to be involved with the orchard would be warmly welcomed - our aim is that of 'many hands make light work' so we're looking to create a list of 'friends' who we can contact when needed. We can tailor our requests to the sort of work that suits you so just let us know what help you can offer and we'll contact you accordingly.

If you'd like to volunteer as a 'friend' please contact Julia Evans **711388**.

Thank you to everyone for all the help and support we receive – the orchard is progressing nicely.

POLICE NOTICE

Police believe that thieves may be posing as genuine workers as they systematically strip lead from church roofs across Cambridgeshire. Following thefts from at least five churches in as many weeks, Cambridgeshire Police has asked the public to help thwart what are believed to be gangs of organised criminals exporting the stolen metal.

Nearly all of the 344 churches in the diocese are listed buildings, the majority of them at Grade I, which puts them in the top 2.5 per cent of all historic buildings in the country in terms of their cultural and architectural importance. The Police are urging communities to be on the lookout for seemingly innocent workpeople in the vicinity of vulnerable churches, and not just in isolated locations. Anyone who sees metal theft in progress to is urged to dial 999 immediately, so that the thieves can be caught red-handed.

The public is also asked to report 'workmen' near churches outside normal working hours on **01480 422888** or the police non-emergency number, **101**.

MEET AND MUNCH

Saturday 4 June will be our summer party using the theme of '90 Glorious Years', celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We will be starting at 1pm and members are invited to wear party clothes, including an optional hat.

On July 2 and August 6 we return to our usual summer time of 3pm where members will be able to enjoy afternoon tea whilst chatting to friends.

Any members of the parish aged 55 or over who would like to join us please contact Jan **814393**.

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. Visitors to individual meetings are welcomed at a cost of £2 per meeting. The subscription for the year is £10.

In April we had a talk by Ursula Buchan, author of many books on gardening and contributor to several newspapers. The title was 'Why do we garden', a question that many of us had asked ourselves but it turned out to be a fascinating history of gardening and held everyone's attention. The talk in May was 'Organic gardening' by Philip Clarke whilst on June 20 the talk will be on orchids.

There is no meeting in July as we hold our annual show on 27 July at the Ramsey Rural Museum. This is not just for the club members but is open to everyone. Equally it is not just for gardeners as there are competitions for handicrafts, photography, cookery, preserves and floral art as well as the usual competitions for flowers, vegetables and fruit. Why not get a schedule and sort out which classes you could enter? We are always pleased to see new entrants and you never know you might win one of our trophies. The schedules will be available from the library, the Rural Museum or from Ian Gaunt. The show is open to visitors from 2.00 to 4.00 pm and there will be an auction of material from the show at 3.15.

During September we will be visiting the Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Wiseley in Surrey. It is likely that there will be some places on this visit for non-members.

For further information including show schedules please contact Ian Gaunt on **710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net**).

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

Organisation	Contact	Telephone
Art Group	Frances Ashfield	711411
Book Lovers Group	Liz Carter	813008
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Community Bus Co-ordinator	Dave Blandford	711330
Community Navigators	Beatrice Brown	01480 423065
County Councillor	Michael Tew	tew180@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
Cross Keys PH	Hayley Huskinson	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Dave Murray	815071
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Bilverstone	812447
Home to Home	Jackie Johnston	711329
Meet and Munch	Jan Howe	814393
Parish Clerk	Carol Bilverstone	812447
Ramsey Bridge Club	Paddy Slater	812006
Ramsey Camera Club	Trevor Brown	711541
Ramsey Choral Society	June Green	813562
Ramsey & District Garden Club	Ian Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	Terry Haslin	815609
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jason Tuxworth	07855 887017
Small to Tall (Upwood School Clubs)	Angie Dean	802086
St Peter's Church Matters	Jean Place	813742
St Peter's Handbells	Anne-Marie Cracknell	812195
Table Tennis Club	David Williams	812923
U3A	John Austin	01733 844474
Upwood Business Association	Frances Ashfield	711411
Upwood Community Orchard	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood Quilters	Margaret Jones	814031
Upwood & Raveley Community Allotments	Liz Carter	813008
Upwood and Raveley Community Archive	Judith Harvey	710219
Upwood School PTA	Rebekah Cornthwaite	07714881806
UVH Performing Arts Events / [act] Shows	Doug McLeod	814114
Village Hall Hire	Bob Child	815475
W.E.A	Liz Carter	813008

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Melrose Quartet– Oct 2015



Chris Newman & Maire
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Dec 2015



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Nick Collett – Feb 2016



Phil Beer - March 2016



Mervyn Stutter – April 2016



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