









# **Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter**

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THE BOOK EXCHANGE, started in 2011 as a Parish Council initiative, is managed by Esther Rowley, who is delighted by the way in which parishioners and visitors alike have embraced the scheme. Everyone is welcome to use this facility – it's worth remembering that the books and CDs don't have to be returned within a specified time. The Book Exchange needs regular maintenance to ensure a high standard and variety so duplicates and overflow books and CDs are taken to local charity shops. At the moment the phone box is in need of TLC so if you are willing to help renovate this parish amenity please contact Esther on 814092.



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# DIARY OF EVENTS APRIL 2018/MAY 2018

Date	Day	Event	Time	Place / Contact	
		April			
	Sunday	unday Church services: venue & times vary; please see church noticeboard for details			
	Every Wed	Morning service	8.30am	Church or UVH: Anne-Marie 812925	
	Every Wed	Breakfast Club after service	9-10am	UVH: Jean 813742	
1 April	Sunday	Easter Egg Hunt: Ramsey Rural	TBC	RRM: Ian 710702	
		Museum opens for season			
7 April	Saturday	Art Group	10-12	UVH: Gill 812009	
7 April	Saturday	Glebe Paddock Working Party	10-12	Parish Clerk 812447	
7 April	Saturday	Meet & Munch	3- 4pm	UVH: Jan 814393	
8 April	Sunday	Food and Craft Fair combined with Ramsey Heritage Day	TBC	RRM: lan 710702	
9 April	Monday	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447	
10 April	Tuesday	Local Hist: Peterborough cathedral	2.15pm	Mervyn: 710219	
13 April	Friday	Newsletter AGM	7pm	UVH: Doug 814114	
16 April	Monday	RDGC: 'Ratty goes to Chelsea'	7.30pm	Ramsey CC: Ian 710702	
18 April	Wed.	UPA: James Hill & Anne Janelle	8pm	UVH: Doug 814114	
19 April	Thursday	UPA: James Hill & Anne Janelle	8pm	UVH: Doug 814114	
20 April	Friday	Cross Keys Golf Day	All day	Howard 813384	
21 April	Saturday	Art Group	10-12	UVH: Gill 812009	
21 April	Saturday	Ramsey Choral society concert	7.30pm	Thomas a Becket: 813562	
24 April	Tuesday	Upwood Quilters	1.30pm	UVH: Margaret 814031	
24 April	Tuesday	Cross Keys monthly charity quiz	7.30pm	Cross Keys PH: Steve 813384	
25 April	Wed.	Upwood Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	UVH: Bob 813008	
28 April	Saturday	Small to Tall Spring Fayre	12-2pm	USTT: Holly: holly@live.co.uk	
30 April	Monday	Home to Home: Charles Taylor	7.30pm	UVH: Josie 710702	
May					
5 May	Saturday	Meet & Munch	3- 4pm	UVH: Jan 814393	
13 May	Sunday	RDGC: Harlow Carr	TBC	lan 710702	
14 May	Monday	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7pm	UVH: Parish Clerk 812447	
16 May	Wed.	Local History: History of 9th Roman legion	7.30pm	UVH: Andrew 812447	
20 May	Sunday	Grand Fen Fair; Ramsey Rural M	TBC	RRM: lan 710702	
21 May	Monday	Home to Home: Quilling by Sue Clark	3pm	UVH: Josie 710702	
21 May	Monday	RDGC: 'Colin's Choice' by Colin Ward	7.30pm	Ramsey CC: Ian 710702	
29 May	Tuesday	Cross Keys monthly charity quiz	7.30pm	Cross keys PH: Steve 813384	
Forthcoming Events					
22 June	Friday	Upwood School PTA Fete	3.45pm	Holly: holly321@live.co.uk	
28 June	Thursday	Local History: walking tour of St Ives	5pm	Pauline 814114	
		& visit to Norris museum			
7 July	Saturday	Upwood School PTA Charity Ball	TBC	alison@gaillard.co.uk	
18 July	Wed.	Local History: History of Stowe	7.30pm	UVH: Andrew 812447	
20 July	Friday	UPA: Cosmic Sausages	6.45pm	Doug 814114	
28 July	Saturday	RDGC: Annual Show: Ramsey R.M.	1 -4.30	lan 710702	

Deadline for June 2018 Newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**



The parish council met on 05 February and 05 March.

Councillors considered a comprehensive plan for the sympathetic maintenance of the boundaries of Glebe Paddock (the playing field) and it was agreed to ask parishioners to assist. Please join us

for some "community action" on **Saturday April 7**th between 10:00am and 12:00pm. Volunteers are asked to wear protective clothing including footwear and gloves and to provide tools such as secateurs and loppers. A suggestion to purchase nets for the goal posts met with unanimous agreement. It is hoped that these will be in place ready for the spring.

Cambridgeshire County Council has confirmed that the traffic calming work on Ramsey Road, as well as the installation of parish boundary signs, is imminent. Work to improve the surface of "footpath no. 4" from Bentley Close will also commence in March.

The parish council is pleased to be working with "One Leisure". On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February fifteen children aged between 6 and 12 attended a free "Active Lifestyles" activity session on the playing field. As a result of the success of this session, the parish council is planning to provide one session per week throughout the school summer break.

Councillors agreed to the formation of a working party, comprising of both councillors and parishioners, to address youth involvement and youth engagement strategies in response to the Community Led Plan and in preparation for the creation of a new councillor portfolio responsibility after the forthcoming election.

The success and impact of the monthly parish council surgeries was reviewed. Sadly, as no interest had been shown by members of the public and no one attended any of the five sessions, it was agreed that this initiative would be discontinued with immediate effect.

Councillors expressed concern for the recent increase in vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the parish. All agreed that the council should invest in measures to prevent this continuing or escalating. The clerk will liaise with the district council regarding CCTV monitoring and she will report at the next meeting.

Two councillors were thanked for their commitment to gritting the pavements during the recent cold weather. All agreed that their efforts had been much appreciated.

The next meetings will be held on 09 April and 14 May. All are welcome to attend. Please note that Parish Council elections will take place on 03 May. For further information please contact the clerk or any member of the council. Applications must be delivered to Pathfinder House by Friday 06 April at 4:00pm.

Detailed information regarding the business of the parish council may be found at **www.upwood.org.** Please also "like" the parish council's Facebook page for regular updates.

Carol Bilverstone - Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

#### **UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

# THE COSMIC SAUSAGES Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.45pm

With a repertoire of hundreds of songs, melodies and theme tunes, the Cosmic Sausages take their audience on a madcap musical tour of the world, meeting up with James Bond, Serge Gainsbourg, the Mafia, deranged cowboys, faith healers, Cossacks and



overacting popstars along the way. Appearing first as a gentle folk band and armed only with acoustic instruments, close harmonies and a shared vision of the surreal, the Cosmic Sausages ambush their audience with a sustained barrage of pop classics, mixing theatre, circus, slapstick, competitions, crowd participation and insane walkabouts.

If fine, this event will take place in the garden of Carlton House, Upwood (courtesy of Lindsey & Peter Somerfield), or Upwood Village Hall if wet.

Tickets: £15.00

Box Office: 07709 930398 or email pndmcleod@btinternet.com This event is organised in association with Ramsey Arts Festival

## **UPWOOD ART GROUP**



Following the sad death in December of Frances, the founder of the Art Group, members decided that it would be appropriate to have a pause in meeting during the months of January and February. It was agreed to

meet the first and third Saturday of each month, starting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. However, "the Beast from the East" forced cancellation of this meeting. Our first meeting this April will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

We are a small group of people who enjoy painting and drawing in a variety of media and welcome any visitors to come and have a go. There are ample free materials and no charge for new members for the first three sessions.

We usually have a still life set up for those who wish to use it but some choose to continue with work already started. There is also usually a nice cuppa and often biscuits. We look forward to meeting up and welcoming visitors and new members.

Gill Shelford

## **UPWOOD AND RAVELEY COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**



#### ALLOTMENT NEWS - 'The Beast from the East'

At the time of writing, the allotments are clothed in several centimetres of sparkling snow and icicles hang from netting and protective structures. The effect of the 'Beast from the East' (a Siberian Winter phenomena), sub-zero temperatures and the

exceptional wind chill factor, have had the effect of halting any early growth and freezing the soil. All is quiet and seemingly dormant. We watch and wait. Although meteorological spring has apparently arrived, we yearn to see those little green shoots and buds championing new life break through the frozen earth.

Although there is little to do at the moment on the allotments, apart from admiring the will of some winter vegetables to survive the icy blasts, we can at last spend the time to think, plan and imagine a time when the soil is warm, enriched and friable and the seeds are neatly planted in rows. Then, we can gently hoe and breathe the fresh air, view the wonderful landscape beyond whilst listening to the mating songs of birds. Until that time, we should enjoy sitting beside a roaring fire and dream of warmer months ahead!

There are still a few allotments for rent. If you are interested, please contact our secretary, Liz Carter, liz@backtracks.biz

Lesley Owen

# The Newsletter Committee AGM

will take place in

**Upwood Village Hall** 

on Friday 13th April

starting at 7pm.

Come and have your say about what goes in the newsletter. New committee members always welcome to join the 'old crew'.



We had a really good start to the year when we had a very sociable meeting in January with light refreshments and a quiz in which members revealed very interesting, and in some cases totally amazing,

aspects of their earlier lives with baby photographs and personal statements. Identifying good friends was far more difficult than anticipated and as for whose statement belonged to who challenging but highly enjoyable.

February 26<sup>th</sup> was a very cold evening and so a smaller audience than usual turned out for one of our highlight meetings when Carol Bilverstone, Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Clerk, gave us a very interesting description of her role and the fascinating village history she has delved into. She brought old minute books to look at and she took the opportunity to ask for volunteers to transcribe minutes so they can be viewed on the village web site. A selection of delicious home-made cakes, courtesy of Louise, was an extra bonus for those who braved the weather.

The March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting promises to be of great interest as we have a speaker on Home Safety and fire prevention. Our 30<sup>th</sup> April meeting will be a visit by Charles Taylor with wooden products from his workshop for sale, he is a profoundly deaf young man and his mother, Carole, will be giving us a talk on the story of the overcoming of his disability. Come early to have time to see all his products. The meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> will be a craft demonstration and workshop on quilling and will start earlier than usual at 3.00pm.

Meetings are held in the village hall and start at 7.30pm (unless otherwise advertised) We welcome visitors to all meetings and new members can join at any time.

Josie Gaunt

#### **MEET & MUNCH**

Meet and Munch starts again on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April with a delicious homemade tea. For £4 you can eat as much as you want from a variety of sandwiches, scones and cakes, washed down with tea or coffee. We meet on the first Saturday of the month (except during Lent) in Upwood Village Hall at 3pm in the summer and 1pm during the winter months, and there is always the chance for a chat with both helpers and members. If you haven't tried one of our meals do contact Jan on **814393** and she will tell you more. Everyone over 55 is very welcome to attend and if anyone (of any age) would like to join our happy band of helpers, again just contact Jan. Do come along and see for yourself – a very warm welcome awaits recipients and helpers alike.

## **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**



Ten years ago, UTTC was just an idea in Davis Williams' mind; who would have thought that from the humble start of six players at the first meeting the membership would have grown to over 50 players. The club meets on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons and the third Monday of the month for 'singles night' (we are still talking table tennis

not lonely hearts!) Tournaments are held throughout the year, but we're a good-humoured bunch and the rivalry is light-hearted. UTTC is a really sociable club and in between games and during tea breaks there is plenty of friendly chat. Members usually bring cakes to celebrate their birthdays and we have a 'Christmas bash' as well as summer and winter outings. Why not come along to one of our meetings and give it a go — no experience needed, just the desire to play 'ping pong'.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> we went to the dogs – greyhound racing at Peterborough! 28 members and guests were greeted by a poster welcoming us as sponsors of the 11<sup>th</sup> race. We were shown to our tables overlooking the race track, where we enjoyed a meal and the races with waitress service and our own lady 'runner' to take our bets and bring back our winnings. Following the 11<sup>th</sup> race retiring chairman, David Williams, was invited to present the award to the winning greyhound's owner.

David and his wife Kerry are moving and everyone at the club wishes them well in their new home. We hope that they will keep in touch and pop into the club for a game and a chat whenever they are back in the area.

Jack Holloway - chairman

## UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



On the February 21<sup>st</sup> Upwood Primary School celebrated their '100<sup>th</sup> Maths Event'. All children in the school took part in a range of different activities throughout the day - all focused on the number 100.

Among some of the activities, Year 1 children were estimating how far 100 steps

would take them, whilst children in Year 3 had to think of 100 words starting with each letter of the alphabet.

To celebrate this event a drone camera was used to take a picture of the whole school forming a 'human' number 100 on the playground - a first for Upwood Primary School.

Shelley Myles-Gardiner, Assistant Head Teacher

#### FOCUS ON ST PETER'S CHURCH'S OUTREACH WORK

St Peter's Church, in the middle of Upwood village is steeped in history dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Its small congregation is busy within the community and is always looking for ways to involve the parishioners of Upwood and the Raveleys.



Breakfast Club meets every Wednesday morning in the Village Hall after the service of Morning Prayer, (which also takes place in the Village Hall during the winter). The club started when the pub stopped serving its popular breakfasts. It was Jean Place's idea and as she told me: "We had got used to having a communal breakfast and didn't want it to stop. It's also a good opportunity for outreach work". Jean buys the provisions and does the cooking aided and abetted by Becky, the curate and her husband, Alex. As part of her internship at St Thomas a Becket Charlotte is also helping run the breakfast club, which is proving popular. Everyone is welcome,

whether they go to Morning Prayer or not and the prices are very competitive. I arrived a little late, but there were still a good number of customers enjoying the egg and bacon butties so I chatted to a few. Martin and Jill are relatively new to the area and said that they have learnt a lot about the parish from chatting to the other customers. Jill said "It's very happy, cheerful group and I have enjoyed meeting people and getting to know them and what's on offer in the area." 11 year old Samuel gave his breakfast the 'thumbs up' and whispered that it was "better than Grandma's!" Fran and Paul told me that they are "not churchgoers but the breakfasts are really good." A bacon butty after

swimming for Paul and a tea cake for Fran plus the chance to chat to friends keep them coming back. Mags said that she attends the Morning Prayer service so it was natural to stay on for breakfast. She enjoys the social aspect of the club and the fact that everyone 'mucks in' with the washing up. She



recommends others to come along and see for themselves. Certainly, the lovely smell of bacon was very tempting and the next time I go it won't be to find out about the club but to sample the breakfast!



Meet and Munch meets on the first Saturday of the month, except during Lent, when church members provide lunches which take place either in the Village Hall or in the Barn, St Mary's. During the winter months a 2-course meal is served whilst in the summer afternoon tea is provided. This club is open to everyone in the parish over

55 but most of the members are over 70 (as are some of the helpers!) Jan Howe (813393) is the person to contact if you want to either attend the club or be one of the helpers.

An outreach project which has just been launched is "Friends of St Peter's"; you probably saw the small 'flyer' that was delivered with the last edition of the newsletter. This scheme is looking to form an informal group of parishioners who are willing to give

some time to help maintain the building, and hopefully to with come up some fundraising ideas. These volunteers do not have to be church-goers, just people with an interest in preserving this 11<sup>th</sup> century focal point in the centre of Upwood village so that future generations can hold their baptisms, weddings



and funerals within its walls, whilst enabling visitors to enjoy the village and its heritage. Volunteers are needed to help with everyday tasks such as flower arranging and cleaning (there are rotas for these) as well as fundraising, and anyone who can offer expert advice on areas such as fire safety, health and safety or grant applications would be very welcome. Additionally, the Parochial Church Council would like to know what parishioners want to see happening in the church to supplement the services that are offered as well as established events such as the flower and Christmas Tree festivals. One idea that is currently being considered is to provide carers and their charges with a monthly respite coffee morning or afternoon, perhaps with speakers which would be open to all ages, although it has yet to be ascertained if this is viable. If you feel that you do have a bit of time that you are happy to give to St Peter's or have ideas on how to develop the use of the church and would like to know a bit more about this scheme do contact Robin on **711169** and she will try to clarify things for you.

### PAINTED PEBBLES HIDDEN AROUND THE VILLAGE?

Some of you may have noticed some painted pebbles or small rocks appearing (and disappearing again) around the village. The Book Exchange had a resident owl for a while followed by a butterfly – who knows what may pop in for a rest in the future? The old wall, which has lots of interesting nooks and crannies for hiding treasures in has also seen some visitors – the Courting Couple appeared very briefly on Valentine's Day!



So, if you find a painted pebble on your walk, whilst waiting for a bus or on your way to the Farm Shop, feel free to give it a new home or hide it somewhere else – just photograph it first and post your 'find' on the Facebook page – you will find the address on the back of the pebble. Join in and paint some yourself and hide them, make someone smile when they find them. Children of all ages can do this – there's no age, colour, religious or social restrictions – it's a bit of pure artistic fun and you don't have to be an artist to paint a rock.

'Love on the Rocks' is an online Facebook community which encourages people to paint a small rock or pebble and hide it; when you find one, hopefully it will make you smile and you can photograph it, post the image to the Facebook page (that should be on the back of the Rock) and then either keep it as a treasure or hide it again. One of the local groups is 'Love On The Rocks Cambs' but there are others — Spotted In Ely Rocks is another! https://www.facebook.com/groups/1332028316895913

# **Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall**

# **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 7.30 pm

All are welcome and the Management Committee would particularly like to invite anyone who might consider joining the committee to help in managing this important community facility.

#### **UPWOOD CRICKET CLUB**



# Junior Coaching

The junior coaching has been remarkably well attended over the winter months with over 30 juniors attending our Sunday sessions at Ramsey Sports Centre. We plan to go outside near the end of April, weather permitting and this will again be on Monday nights. Training will start at 5-30 till 6-30 for the younger ones and the 6-30 till 7-30 for the older ones. We are entering a record 5 teams this year in the county leagues:

Two under 9 six-a-side softball; Under 11 eight-a-side hardball; Under 11 six-a-side softball; Under 13 eight-a-side hardball

Junior membership is £10 for the whole summer's coaching and £2 a game.

As well as our normal coaching at the Upwood Ground we are also offering eight sessions at Whittlesey on Friday evenings as part of the ECB All Stars scheme.

#### Adult Cricket

We are running two teams again this year; the first team play on Saturdays and the Second Team on Sundays. The first having been newly promoted will play in Hunts League Division 2 and the Seconds in Hunts League Division 5. Annual membership is £10 a year. The first home game is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the seconds versus Warboys, followed by the firsts vs Nassington on 12<sup>th</sup> May and the seconds again on 13<sup>th</sup> May against Buckden.

#### Patio

At the time of writing we are just finalising what needs to be done to receive a grant for a new patio and paved access to the toilets. So, fingers crossed by the start of the season the upgraded pavilion will be as good outside as it is now on the inside!

We are looking for new members, players, officials or supporters of any age or experience please contact Neil at npe.tuffin@gmail.com or on 07968771138 or visit www.upwood.play-cricket.com for more information.

**100 YEARS AGO,** "The Great War" (the war to end all wars) eventually known as The First World War ended. In that last year, 1918, the following servicemen from this parish lost their lives.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> Cyril Arthur Murfin, son of the carpenter of Upwood, died of his wounds near St Quentin and is commemorated on Grand-Seraucourt British cemetery:

May 25<sup>th</sup> Reuben Shelton, a resident of Upwood, was killed in action and is buried in Aveluy Wood Cemetery (Somme): June 25<sup>th</sup> David Victor Ingle, son of the blacksmith of Upwood, died aged 18. He is commemorated on Bay 3 of the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais: September 7<sup>th</sup> Albert Ernest Parks and Adam Howie Thompson who were the aircrew of a FE2B aircraft that crashed on Upwood Airfield (RFC):

#### Also from RFC:

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert K Gray, a Corporal Rigger, is believed to have died from influenza and is buried at Dean Grange Cemetery, Dublin. Date unknown Edward Groves and Sergeant Fitter-Turner who is again believed to have died from influenza and is buried at Farnborough. Although these last four servicemen were not from the parish they were in the RFC at Upwood Airfield at the time of their deaths, and their names are included on our War Memorial. Then on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1919 Lesley StJ Mowbray, son of Col. Arthur and Elizabeth Mowbray of Upwood House, died in hospital, he had contracted an illness in the trenches. He was buried at Hythe, but a memorial service was held at Upwood Church.

Now as we remember those who gave their lives that we might have peace, may they rest in peace and never be forgotten.

Tony Place

# RAMSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choral Society held a Farewell Party for their Director, Angus Davidson, who is moving to the USA with his family. The Society is very fortunate to have Julian Merson as guest Conductor for their next Concert on 21<sup>st</sup> April in St Thomas a Becket Church Ramsey at 7.30pm. As the Concert falls on the Queen's birthday and close to St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday it will feature music of England, including Elgar's 'Banner of St George', Handel's 'Zadok the priest' and works by Vaughan Williams and Parry and others. Soloist is Mezzo-Soprano, Natalie Davies. Tickets £10 in advance and £12 on the door, available from The Green School Shop, Ramsey (formerly School Plus) or ring 813562.

The Society is still looking for a new Musical Director and anyone interested should ring June on 813562 for further details. We meet every Thursday in Ramsey Junior School from 7.30 – 9.30pm and new members are always welcome, especially Tenor's and Basses! Ring the above number or just turn up and give it a try. No auditions and not necessary to be able to read music.

Pat Sutton (Chair)

#### RAMSEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



Our meeting in March was a talk by Philip Whaites entitled Wimpole, History of the Garden and Restoration". This was fascinating and was even more interesting because of the local interest of Wimpole. On 16<sup>th</sup> April the title of the talk will be "Ratty goes to Chelsea" given by Angela Potter, a garden designer.

### The next two talks will be:

- May 21<sup>st</sup>: "Colin's Choice" by the plantsman Colin Ward
- June 18<sup>th</sup>: "Indoor flora" by Lamorna Thomas

There will be a group visit to the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Harlow Carr in Harrogate on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Usually there are spare seats on the coach for non-members and the cost will be £22 for non-members including the entry to the garden. Please contact Ian Gaunt if you are interested in joining us.

The regular meetings are held in the Ramsey Community Centre at 7.30 on the third Monday of most months. Non-members may attend individual meetings at a cost of £2. The Club is friendly and welcoming to anyone interested in gardening or plants at any level. The annual subscription for membership is £10.

For further information please contact Ian Gaunt (710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net).

# **UPWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**



## RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM



The museum will open to the public again at Easter (April 1<sup>st</sup>) with an Easter egg hunt. This is a new event for us so why not bring along your children for a fun visit and combine it with a tour of the museum? Entry for children will be free and adults will be charged at the usual rate

(£4.50). This will be followed on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> by a Food and Craft Fair. This will be the biggest fair that we have held so far with over 30 stalls and vans. It is on the day of the Ramsey Heritage Day so the classic coach will be taking visitors to all of the local heritage sites.

On Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a free entry Grand Fen Fair, run jointly by the museum and the 1940's camp, using both sites, with any profits being donated to MAGPAS. We expect there to be clay pigeon shooting, archery, music, dog show and lots of games and trade stalls. It will be a great way to spend a day with refreshments, food stalls and bars.

This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening of the museum and, in fact, it is 40 years since the development first started. There will be a cheese and wine party on May 6<sup>th</sup> open to all who have been involved with the museum. If you have been associated with the museum and would like to meet with volunteers old and new please contact us on ramseyruralmuseum@live.com; 815715.

From Easter Sunday the museum will be open on Thursdays (9.00 to 5.00) and on Saturday afternoons, Sunday afternoons and Bank Holiday afternoons (2.00 to 5.00).

If you have a few hours to spare, why not consider becoming a volunteer? We can make use of almost any skills and you can give as little or much time as you wish. It is a very friendly environment to work in.

If you would like further information about any of the events or volunteering please contact Ian Gaunt 710702; ian.gaunt@care4free.net

#### UPWOOD AND THE RAVELEYS HISTORY GROUP

Following the AGM in March our chairman, Andrew Bilverstone, gave us a very different perspective on the Gulf War as he kept us both interested and amused with his talk entitled 'The Gulf War from my hotel window.' If you are interested in going on a guided tour of Peterborough cathedral during the afternoon of Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> please contact Mervyn on **710219.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> when Neill Turner will be telling us about the history of the 9<sup>th</sup> Roman Legion Hispana and giving us the chance to handle artefacts. A walking tour of St Ives coupled with a private visit to the Norris museum is being organised, starting at 5pm on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pauline on **814114** for more details.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGES

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Art Group	Gill Shelford	812009
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Cricket Club	Neil Tuffin	812924
Cross Keys PH	Steve May	813384
Cross Keys Golf Society	Howard Smith	813384
District Councillor (Chair of Parish Council)	Robin Howe	814393
HACT: Community Bus		01480 411114
History Group	Andrew Bilverstone	812447
High Street Hedgehogs	Jean Noble	814356
Home to Home	Josie Gaunt	710702
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	lan Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Rural Museum	lan Gaunt	710702
Ramsey Tennis Club	Jonny Wicks	07724 152382
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	Jack Holloway	711551
U3A	Enid Hubbard	tandehubbard@tiscali.co.uk
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
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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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# The Changing Face of Spring in the Parish

