



Upwood & The Raveleys Newsletter

Report for the Annual General Meeting – 24th April 2019

I am pleased to report another successful year for the parish newsletter which, during the year, notched up 100 editions since the first issue was published in September 2002.

The four colour pages continue to allow us to report parish activities in photo format on the back page as well as spotlight parish organisations and activities in greater detail on the centre pages. Over the past year this has included St Peter's Handbell Ringers, Upwood Meadows & Lady's Wood, Nene Valley Gliding Club, and the Newsletter itself as part of the 100th edition!

We have also changed our monochrome logo with a colour version to enliven the front page.

We are extremely grateful to Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council which this year has increased its annual financial contribution to cover the vast majority of our costs. Other donations have come from Upwood villagers who deliver the Ramsey & Warboys Informer each month and donate their "pay" to newsletter funds, as well as a "one off" donation from Ramsey Ailwyn Community Association as part of its distribution of assets during its dissolution process. *The newsletter was a member of the Association for a number of years and used its facilities for duplicating copies of the newsletter during its first few years.*

As in previous years I am indebted to the hard work and commitment of everyone who is involved with the parish newsletter. The editorial team, in particular, require special mention. It is a far from straightforward task to produce the final copy of an edition, often with articles arriving at the eleventh hour and requiring judicious editing in order to fill the remaining space on a page. With the three editors being involved with many other interests and activities it also requires careful planning to ensure that at least one of the team is around to complete each of the six bi-monthly editions. No mean feat!

We are always looking for new committee members. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think you would like to help.

Doug McLeod
Chairman
Upwood & the Raveleys Newsletter Committee

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Annual Open Meeting - Friday 12th April 2019

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1st March 2018 - 28th February 2019

| INCOME | £ | EXPENDITURE | £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Grants - Parish Council (2018) | 1,254.00 ✓ | Printing - Issues 95 - 100 incl colour | 1,254.00 ✓ |
| Donation - Ramsey Ailwyn Comm Assn | 160.00 ✓ | Expenses (Hire of Hall) | 10.25 ✓ |
| Flyer delivery - Laing | 20.00 ✓ | Computer Support Services | 60.00 ✓ |
| Donations from "Informer" deliveries | 101.00 ✓ | TOTAL | <u>1,324.25</u> ✓ |
| | | Income over expenditure | <u>210.75</u> |
| | | In bank as at 1st March 2018 | <u>1,791.36</u> ✓ |
| TOTAL | <u>1,535.00</u> | Balance as at 28th February 2019 | <u>2,002.11</u> ✓ |

G Carrington
Treasurer
9th March 2019

Checked by :- *R. W. Pedwar*
13.3.2019

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Income vs Expenditure Projection - From 1st March 2018

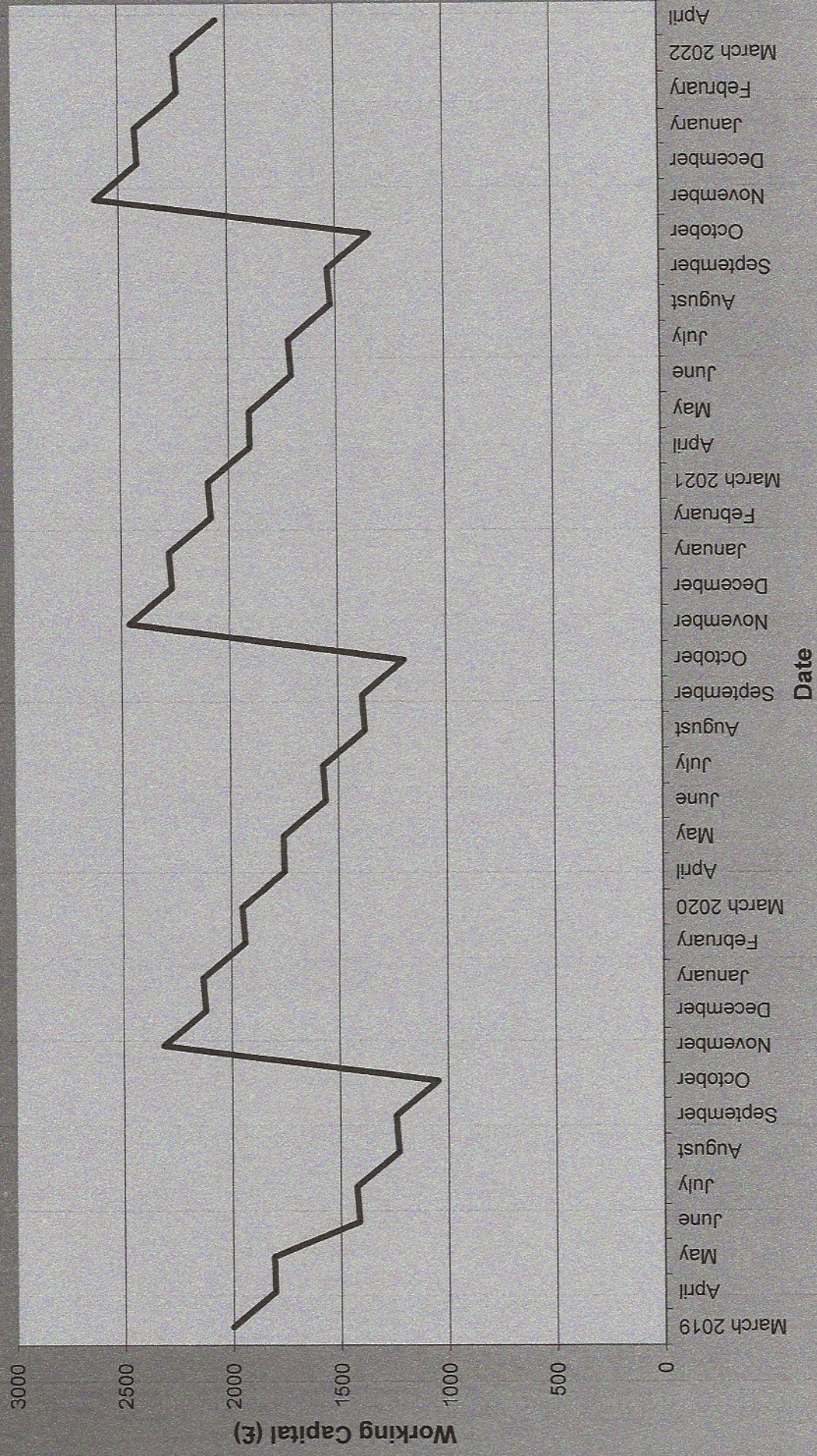
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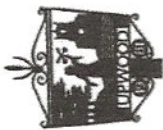
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|-----------|------|--|-------|------|
| March | 2019 | Balance 1st March 2019 | | |
| March | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2002 |
| April | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2015 |
| | 2019 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1806 |
| May | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1819 |
| | 2019 | AGM Expenses incl hire of Village Hall | -10 | 1809 |
| June | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1622 |
| | 2019 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1413 |
| July | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1426 |
| August | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1439 |
| | 2019 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1230 |
| September | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1243 |
| October | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1256 |
| | 2019 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1047 |
| November | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1060 |
| | 2019 | Parish Council Grant (?) | +1255 | 2315 |
| December | 2019 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2328 |
| | 2019 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2119 |
| January | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2132 |
| February | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2145 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1936 |
| March | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1949 |
| April | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1962 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1753 |
| May | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1766 |
| | 2020 | AGM Expenses incl hire of Village Hall | -10 | 1756 |
| June | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1769 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1560 |
| July | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1573 |
| August | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1586 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1377 |
| September | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1390 |
| October | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1403 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1194 |
| November | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1207 |
| | 2020 | Parish Council Grant (?) | +1255 | 2462 |
| December | 2020 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2475 |
| | 2020 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2266 |
| January | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2279 |
| February | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2292 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2083 |
| March | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2096 |
| April | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2109 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1900 |
| May | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1913 |
| | 2021 | AGM Expenses incl hire of Village Hall | -10 | 1903 |
| June | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1916 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1707 |
| July | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1720 |
| August | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1733 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1524 |
| September | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1537 |
| October | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1550 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 1341 |
| November | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 1354 |
| | 2021 | Parish Council Grant (?) | +1255 | 2609 |
| December | 2021 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2620 |
| | 2021 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2411 |
| January | 2022 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2423 |
| February | 2022 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2436 |
| | 2022 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2227 |
| March | 2022 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2240 |
| April | 2022 | Donation - Informer deliveries | +13 | 2253 |
| | 2022 | Printing Costs | -209 | 2044 |

Notes :

- This projection is highly speculative and a number of factors could affect it beneficially or otherwise.
- No allowance has been made for unexpected running costs. These are unlikely or relatively modest.
- Any substantial increase in printing charges would threaten operating capital much sooner.
- No allowance has been made to flyer distribution income. Very little has been raised this way in the last 5 yrs.
- No allowance has been made for unexpected "windfall" donations.
- Continued regular donations from the Informer delivery team has been assumed.
- Possible income from the Ramsey Windfarm Trust Grants has not been taken into account.
- Continuation of the Parish Council Grant has been assumed (!) at the current level.

Newsletter Financial Projection from 1st March 2019





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Sheet No. : 2018 / 1

Accounting Period : 01.03.2018 to 28.02.2019

| Date | Description | Invoice | Pay In No. | Cheque No. | Amount Rec'd (£) | Payment Out (£) | Current Balance (£) |
|------------|---|---------|------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 06.04.2018 | Balance 'switched' from NatWest Bank to TSB Treasurer's Account | | | | | | 1791.36 ✓ |
| 09.04.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x3 | | 500001 | | 24.00 Cash | | 1815.36 |
| 09.04.2018 | Mrs J Laing - Delivery of flyers | 18.018 | 500001 | | 20.00 Cash | | 1835.36 |
| 09.04.2018 | Ramsey Allwyn Comm Ass - Donation | | 500001 | | 160.00 Chq | | 1995.36 |
| 09.04.2018 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 95 | | | 000001 | | 209.00 Chq ✓ | 1786.36 |
| 23.04.2018 | Hire of Village Hall for AGM | | | 000002 | | 10.25 Chq ✓ | 1776.11 |
| 23.04.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | 500002 | | 8.00 Cash | | 1784.11 |
| 04.06.2018 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 96 | | | 000003 | | 209.00 ✓ | 1575.11 |
| 04.06.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | 500003 | | 8.00 Cash | Chq | 1583.11 |
| 31.07.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x2 | | 500004 | | 16.00 Cash | | 1599.11 |
| 03.08.2018 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 97 | | | 000004 | | 209.00 Chq ✓ | 1390.11 |
| 05.09.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | 500005 | | 8.00 Cash | | 1398.11 |
| 01.10.2018 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 98 | | | 000005 | | 209.00 Chq ✓ | 1189.11 |
| 02.10.2018 | Parish Council Grant | | | | 1254.00 BACS | | 2443.11 |
| 19.11.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | BACS | | 8.00 BACS | | 2451.11 |
| 19.11.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | BACS | | 8.00 BACS | | 2459.11 |
| 04.12.2018 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | BACS | | 8.00 BACS | | 2467.11 |
| 05.12.2018 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 99 | | | 000006 | | 209.00 Chq ✓ | 2258.11 |
| 08.01.2019 | Donation - Informer delivery fees x1 | | BACS | | 8.00 BACS | | 2266.11 |
| 09.01.2019 | as above adj to flow rate = £13.00 | | BACS | | 5.00 BACS | | 2271.11 |
| 01.02.2019 | Micromac Printers - Issue No 100 | | | 000007 | | 209.00 Chq ✓ | 2062.11 |
| 15.02.2019 | D McLeod re PC Support payments | | | 000008 | | 60.00 Chq ✓ | 2002.11 ✓ |

(X) not cleared on latest statement.

Upwood Patchwork and Quilting group.

We are a small friendly group that meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm to 4pm in the Village Hall.

Recently we decided to change the name of the Group to "Craft and Chat" to reflect the fact that we welcome everyone whatever craft they do e.g. sewing, knitting, card making, artwork etc, etc.

Even if they are not "crafty" they are very welcome to join us just for the chat, tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.

The group took part in the Christmas Tree Festival with all members helping to make the large number of Snowmen needed to decorate the tree – a really fun afternoon!

The group also enjoyed our yearly outing which this time was to Afternoon Tea at Ramsey Golf Club.

Kind Regards

Heather Wakefield



Annual Parish Meeting

2019 Report

Upwood Primary Academy is a community school striving to forge strong links with the local and wider community. It is the school's vision to maintain and develop these links.

Links With Our Community Which We Value

Manor House

Our strong links with Manor House have been maintained this year as Year 4 visited the residents of the home in October to deliver them Harvest cards. On this day, Years 2 and 4 had also attended St Peter's Church for a 'Harvest Festival' of their own. Manor House residents were also invited to our annual Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal, which this year was entitled 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and will be invited to our May Day Performance.

Ramsey Food Bank

As part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we collected groceries for Ramsey Food Bank, in October. Families were very generous with their contributions, which we know will help families in need.

Open the Book

Each Thursday, trained members from St Peter's Church visit Upwood Primary to deliver an assembly called 'Open the Book'. The members use a variety of engaging techniques to deliver stories from the Bible. Our pupils look forward to the assembly each week and we would like to thank the trained members for their continued support.

Ramsey Rural Museum

We have been exploring links with Ramsey Rural Museum this year. All staff visited the museum for a tour in March, to see how we may be able to bring the Museum into our teaching and learning. We hope to do some brass rubbing in Years 4 and 5 and Year 1 will be looking at the toys the museum has on display. As a grand finale, the museum hopes to run a house competition at Upwood, where children have the opportunity to guess the purpose of mystery objects from the past!

PTA

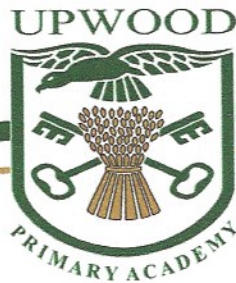
We are extremely fortunate at Upwood to have a very high degree of involvement and commitment from our community. The PTA organisation is actively involved in a full programme of educational, social and fund raising activities, for both children and adults, from which the school benefits greatly. This year the PTA has continued to organise termly discos, movie nights and tuck shops, as well as the Upwood Ball, which is always a great success.



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Charity Work

We believe our pupils gain a great deal from taking part in fundraising events for both our school and charities, as it develops empathy towards others, a sense of community and an understanding of the wider world. We agreed to support the following charities for this academic year:

- Little Miracles
- The Poppy Appeal.

Upwood Primary Academy is now part of the Thomas Deacon Education Trust and all member schools participated in a fundraiser for Little Miracles, in March. We raised money in various ways, including a Bake Sale, a Martial Arts activity and a sports fundraiser, which included the children using zorbs and archery skills.

We also continued to support the Poppy Appeal. Children were asked to make a voluntary contribution to an appeal box, in exchange for a Poppy pin. Staff felt that it was important to continue with this fundraising event, as it has such great significance in our nation's history.

Special Events

World Book Day

We celebrated 'World Book Day,' on the 14th March. This is a global event celebrating reading and books. Many fun events were organised in school including pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite characters, from books such as Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk. Pupils also participated in a treasure hunt around school, looking for characters from Peter Pan. At the end of the hunt, was a treasure chest filled with chocolate gold coins.

Easter Craft Day

As the Spring term drew to a close, we held our annual 'Easter Craft Day.' Children in Years 1-6 were invited to take part in a competition to design 'something' using a shoe box. There were prizes for each class and an overall winner. Judges, Paul and Esther Rowley, arrived in school during the afternoon to choose the winners. Creations were displayed in the hall at the end of the day for parents/carers to view. This day always proves to be very successful and popular.

Lastly...a Thank You

As we approach the final term of the academic year, we would like to thank all those residents of Upwood Village who support us in our endeavours.

L Clarke

Miss L Clarke
Deputy Headteacher



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During the last five years we have played a total of 187 gigs (8 in 2014, 21 in 2015, 34 in 2016, 58 in 2017, 55 in 2018 and 11 so far in 2019). We currently have a further 31 gigs booked for 2019 and enquiries continue to come in almost on a daily basis. Since the last AGM we have raised £11,888.16 for Magpas and this brings our grand total to £35,289.29, at the end of March 2019.

During the year we were fortunate to be able to perform at the internationally renowned Stables Concert Hall in Milton Keynes as part of a charity event as well as being chosen by Magpas to perform on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, as part of the launch event for their new helicopter. We were especially delighted to be able to perform for Dr Neville Silverston MBE who was one of the two GPs who founded Magpas 48 years ago.

We were also very pleased to submit a successful bid to the Ramsey Wind Farm Community Fund. This has allowed us to purchase a digital mixing desk as well as add a second radio microphone to our PA system. This will give us the capacity to amplify an additional 6 instruments or voices thereby further enhancing the depth and quality of sound and thus improving the experience we provide to our audiences.

Doug McLeod
Chairman
Upwood Ukuleles



UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 2019

Regular bookings have remained steady in 2018 and we now have a weekly 'sitting exercise' class which is proving to be very popular. There is usually at least one booking a day during the week however there is often availability at weekends and we would like to try and encourage more private bookings such as birthday and wedding anniversary parties etc.

The performing arts events organised by Doug which have been running for ten years now continue to be extremely popular and for a small village venue we are attracting a number of internationally acclaimed and award winning artists.

The management committee continues to work hard to maintain the general fabric of the hall which is a constant effort given the age of the building and the daily wear and tear that it receives.

Our most notable recent renovation has been the sanding and re-varnishing of the hall floors. We apologise to our hirers that it was necessary to close the hall for a week whilst this work was carried out but I hope that you will agree that the results are excellent and the hall looks a lot brighter and cleaner.

Once again, we would like to thank all of our fundraisers who enable us to invest in major refurbishment projects and to the Parish Council whose grant helps us to cover our insurance costs.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks go to the Village Hall committee and its trustees whose tireless efforts continue to ensure that the hall remains a valuable community resource.

Stephen Howes
Chairman,
Upwood Village Hall Management Committee

Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall

Bank Balances as at 28th February 2019

| | |
|--|------------|
| Current Account (No. 30379868) | £ 501.68 |
| Business Instant Access Account (No. 30543368) | £19,162.90 |
| Fun Raising Account | £21,161.79 |
| Petty Cash | £0.00 |

I hereby certify that the income and expenses accounts and balance sheets for Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall for the year ending 28th February 2019 are a true record according to the information provided.

Signed :

R. W. Peckover

R.W.Peckover

Date : 18.3.2019

Upwood and the Raveleys Village Hall

28th February 2019

| Income | | Expenditure | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Donations & Grants | £ 1245.00 | Refunds | £ 243.72 |
| Deposits | £ 810.00 | Rates | £ 246.50 |
| One-Off Users | £ 396.50 | Water | £ 0.00 |
| Art Group | £ 234.19 | Cleaner | £ 1000.67 |
| History Group | £ 154.69 | Repairs and Maintenance | £ 264.89 |
| Home to Home | £ 245.23 | Electricity | £ 1206.83 |
| Parish Council | £ 318.91 | Insurance | £ 943.03 |
| St Peter's Church | £ 722.97 | Consumables | £ 126.32 |
| Quilting Group | £ 134.14 | PlusNet | £ 338.40 |
| Ramsey U3A Table Tennis | £ 279.33 | Sundry Expenses | £ 751.84 |
| Upwood Table Tennis Club | £ 2123.97 | | |
| W.E.A. | £ 527.68 | Total | £ 5122.20 |
| Book Club | £ 120.03 | | |
| Performing Arts | £ 324.79 | | |
| Upwood Ukuleles | £ 91.33 | | |
| Oak Activities | £ 291.38 | Income over Expenditure | £ 2971.16 |
| Miscellaneous | £ 14.40 | | |
| Sub Total | £ 8034.54 | | |
| Interest (Savers' Account) | £ 58.82 | | |
| Total | £ 8093.36 | | £ 8093.36 |

Examined by :

R. W. Peckover

R.W.Peckover

Date: 18.3.2019

UPWOOD VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT
March 2018 – February 2019

Further Information

| Concerts March 2018 – February 2019 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Date | Artiste(s) | Ticket Sales | Expenses incl. Performance Fees & Hall Hire | Ticket Sales Profit | Raffle Proceeds | Total Profit |
| March 2018 | Craobh Rua | £1212.50 | £1008.70 | £203.80 | £160.00 | £363.80 |
| April 2018 | James Hill & Anne Janelle | £3434.00 | £3279.03 | £154.97 | £274.00 | £428.97 |
| July 2018 | Cosmic Sausages | £1560.00 | £1464.57 | £95.43 | £170.00 | £265.43 |
| August 2018 | Midnight Skyracer | £1262.50 | £1013.65 | £248.85 | £142.00 | £390.85 |
| October 2018 | Melrose Quartet | £1218.00 | £1039.80 | £178.20 | £130.00 | £308.20 |
| November 2018 | Phillip Henry | £991.00 | £816.18 | £174.82 | £120.00 | £294.82 |
| December 2018 | Beishazzar's Feast | £1410.00 | £1207.63 | £202.37 | £176.18 | £378.55 |
| February 2019 | Megson | £1455.00 | £1185.20 | £269.80 | £168.00 | £437.80 |
| | | £12,543.00 | £11,014.76 | £1528.24 | £1340.18 | £2868.42 |

Bank interest £18.94

Fundraising Account Balance at Nationwide as at 28.02.18: £21,161.79 ✓

NB This includes ticket income totalling £ 2,400.50 for concerts taking place in March and May 2019

Therefore free capital in Fundraising Account is more realistically £18,761.29

Checked: R.W. Pedlow

18.3.2019.

Report of Graham Bull, Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council and member for Warboys ward to the APM.

Make-up of the Council

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) had its first 'all out' election in May 2018 which resulted in a Council consisting of

30 Conservative members,

4 Labour members,

7 Liberal Democrat members,

10 members of the Independent Group and

1 Independent member.

The next election will be held in May 2022.

Programmes

The Conservative controlled Council immediately began to put its election manifesto commitments into practice. The policies and priorities set out in our manifesto form the basis of HDC's Corporate Plan which can be found on the Council's website.

Commitments include:

- Investing in One Leisure
- Access to Council services 24/7 via our on line portal
- Pay for what you use car parking
- Developing master plans for all our market towns
- Delivering the new Local Plan
- Working with partners to solve problems such as the delivery of much needed infrastructure.

Growth

The district continues to attract new businesses and new residents. One of our major policy areas is to ensure that existing residents of the district are not disadvantaged but benefit from this growth. I know that this is an area of concern for the residents of Warboys and surrounding villages.

As mentioned above HDC continues to work with partners to deliver improved services and infrastructure. I am aware that there is already an infrastructure deficit. This is one of reasons we are looking at a potential third river crossing and improvements to A141. HDC is not a transport authority and so we are working with partners to determine what could be

done to alleviate traffic congestion in St Ives and Huntingdon and reduce rat running through villages.

Finance

Finance continues to be a challenge. HDC was the fourth worst affected Shire Districts in the country in last year's financial settlement. We continue to work to reduce the cost base of the Council but I believe that we have reached the limit as to what we can do without harming services.

As part of our programme to make HDC financially self-sufficient we have embarked on a Commercial Investment Strategy. This means that we use capital funds to buy properties which generate a commercial yield and so support our revenue budget. We have a number of properties in district e.g. the cinema site in St Neots. We were advised to spread our portfolio outside the district and so we have bought commercial property in other parts of the country. This policy has proved successful, we are raising over £2m pa to support services.

In our manifesto we promised not to increase Council Tax by more than the lower of the increase in average earnings locally or the rise in the state pension. The latter was the lower at 2.6% and so we pegged our Council Tax increase to that.

Public Sector Reform

HDC continues to work with partners to deliver efficient and effective services. These partners include the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, of which I am a Board member, the County Council, the NHS and Police. We are sharing office space with other service providers and both the DWP and CAB have taken up space in Pathfinder House to provide a one-stop shop for clients.

Local Government reform is in the air with major changes in neighbouring counties including Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Suffolk. Whatever the future holds for Cambridgeshire I will be working to secure the future of the ancient county of Huntingdonshire and all its residents.

Finally, I want to thank my ward colleague Cllr Jill Tavener who picks up more than her fair share of work in the ward. She does this because of the time I must spend on Leadership duties, so thanks Jill for all that you do.