

Summer 2022



Community Magazine

Platinum Jubilee in the Parish

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Upwell Academy 'street' tea



Lakesend Cake



Tea on Tuesday Cakes

Bonnie
And Chester
With the
T-shirts
they painted
themselves



Welle W I Jubilee Decorations

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FROM THE CHAIR

2022 has been a significant year for many reasons: Worldwide events have affected us all, most of us are or have been returning to what is deemed as the 'New Normal' since Covid 19 began.

On a local level, 2022 has also been a year of change. As some will already know, Dr Paul Williams and his wife Amanda are moving away to pastures new - to be nearer to their growing family. As a result, Amanda has stepped down as the Upwell Hall Treasurer, a post she has held for many years, and Paul has stepped down as Chair of the Hall Committee (although will remain a committee member for the time being) and also as Chair and member of the Parish Council. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you both for the many years of service you have given to Upwell and the Parish. You will both be missed by many, and we send good wishes for the next chapter of your lives. After having served as Deputy Chair of the Parish Council, I was voted in by my fellow Councillors as the new Chair and Councillor Andrew Harrison as Deputy Chair. In addition, we have two new Councillors in Mike Turner and Brian Carr. Brian is a returning Councillor, having been on the council previously and Mike is the Chair of the new Lakes End Village Hall Committee - you can read their 'new Councillor' interview chats in this magazine. Lastly, but by no means least, the new Chair of the Upwell Village Hall Committee is Rob Shaw and his first report is in this issue.

Another first, and possible once in a lifetime event for many, was of course Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Many joined in by decorating their homes and businesses with flags and bunting, and the Welle W.I. amazed us all with their wonderful, knitted tribute.

Over several days in our part of the Kingdom, we joined in and celebrated across the Parish. We had a successful Yard sale, Family fun days, Sports, BBQ's, Fancy dress, Music events, film shows, dog shows, lunches, celebration Teas, picnics.....and more as the photos and reports from Three Holes, Lakes End and Upwell will testify. For the most part, the weather was kind to us, although the Sunday was literally a wash out for some and unfortunately one of the cancelled events was the Upwell Playing Field Jubilee Fair. Happily this is only postponed and a new date in August has been set.

As part of the celebrations, I accompanied our Borough Councillors, Vivienne Spikings and Colin Rose to visit the children at Upwell Academy. On behalf of the Mayor, our Borough Councillors presented specially struck jubilee coins and the Parish Council, Celebration Mugs

to all the children. We were given a warm welcome, with many of the children wearing the jubilee crowns they had made earlier. You can read more on our Borough Councillors' travels during the celebrations as they managed to attend a large number of events across their Upwell & Delph ward.

What a great and happy community spirit the celebrations generated and I cannot help wondering if the Parish should not think about having an annual Parish Community celebration? We need days such as those to bring the Parish together, see neighbours and meet new friends; and simply to feel good about our community. I would welcome your thoughts - if you wish, please email a message on the Upwell PC website, or of course come to a Parish Council meeting.

Holding **surgeries** in each village hall will continue and as already published in the last magazine, the next are set for October 2022.

Lakes End on 24th October at 10.00 a.m.

Three Holes on 24th October at 7 p.m.

Upwell on 25th October at 7 p.m.

These provide an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors, to ask questions and to make suggestions on what you think may be beneficial to the Parish.

We may not have immediate answers to all questions, but we will try to respond as quickly as we can.

Updates: Our public rights of way footpaths map board is nearly ready. And I have to say, it is looking good. It should be in place before too long so that all can easily see the routes in more detail.

All local authorities are looking to become environmentally friendly as soon as funding and planning allow. The Upwell Hall Environmental Renovation programme continues but we are now looking at a scaled-back project and we are currently looking at feasibility and costs. The Hall committee are also looking to self fund smaller renovations, such as the bar area and both will be reported on when we know the paths forward and as and when they progress.

We continue to regularly communicate with the Highways Department on all the outstanding items we have already raised with them and shall continue to do so.

Our communications survey, as detailed in the last magazine and overseen by Councillor Rob Shaw had a disappointing response but even though it was a low percentage, it did give some interesting results. One of which is that this magazine is still the prime source for information and 'What's On' in our Parish.

So, I hope you find this edition enjoyable, and I wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Christine Aston

A CHAT WITH NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR BRIAN CARR

Brian was born in Finsbury, London in 1948 and went on to study Commercial Bodybuilding at college, before joining the Construction industry as a carpenter.

Having started his own business as a general builder in 1972, Brian continues with his trade, although now semi-retired.

Some of you will remember that Brian was previously a Councillor, for around 8 years, before stepping down as he felt, at that time, that the direction was at odds with his own opinions.

However, Brian continued to attend Parish Council meetings as a member of the public and he made the decision to put himself forward to re-join the Parish Council when the opportunity arose.

Brian believes that it is important to keep parishioners informed and hopes he can help to improve facilities and

maintain tidiness in all three villages of the Parish, assisting his fellow councillors in all aspects in any way he can.

So Brian is going to be busy again as he has joined various Council sub-groups and has taken his seat on the Council with renewed enthusiasm.

In his spare time, Brian likes to work on his garden and in his workshop, listening to 50's, 60's and 70's music.

And on a lighter note – when asked what his favourite food was, Brian said as a London Cockney it must be Pie and Mash and jellied Eels.

And if he could visit anywhere, where would that be? Well, Brian would like to visit Canada and go salmon fishing.

CLA

Borough Councillors enjoy Jubilee Celebrations

Platinum Jubilee celebrations report from your two Borough Councillors

Our two Borough Councillors for the Upwell & Delph ward, **Vivienne Spikings and Colin Rose**, attended many events across the Borough over the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and they were entertained by the lighting of beacons, singing, fancy dress and lots of cake!

In **Wimbotsham** they heard the school children sing, saw some great fancy dress outfits, including one child who came as a Corgi! In Welney, there was a dog show and classic car display. Councillor Spikings was asked by the Vicar to take part in a Tree-Planting ceremony, assisted by the children. The Vicar then led a resounding rendition of Land of Hope and Glory and God Save the Queen, with one child even lending Councillor Spikings his hat, presumably to wave? Jubilee coins were presented to the children on behalf of the Mayor.

In **Barroway Drove** there was more singing, the unveiling of a new Internet connection for their hall and the placement of a time capsule. Coronation film footage provided the backdrop for their events.

Nordelph had an event that was run in conjunction with the local church. They had a mixed choir who sang an unfamiliar rendition of "I vow to thee my Country" to Gustav Holst's no. 4 of the Planet Suites - Jupiter. Afterwards the Choir acted in a short play, with signing for the people who are deaf. Stalls and raffles were held.

At **Foras near Stow**, Councillor Spikings attended their gardening and tree planting weekend, where the tree she purchased will be planted in October.

In our Parish, the Borough Council provided Jubilee coins for the school children on behalf of the Mayor, and our Borough Councillors, together with the Chair of Upwell Parish Council, attended **Upwell Primary School** to deliver these and pen sets and souvenir mugs from Upwell Parish Council. The children had already had a lovely time making crowns and some wore them to the school prize giving.

In **Lakes End**, on the 3rd, our Borough Councillors went to the Village Hall for their community BBQ, which included lots of sausages and burgers and games for all. They both reported on how wonderful the food provided was and Councillor Spikings added what a pleasure it was to attend with her mother and see all age groups taking part. People had worked so hard on the catering side and it was very much enjoyed and to see how people dressed up, even the dogs had Jubilee outfits on. And of course, there was plenty of cake!

At **Three Holes**, they held a film event with old footage of the Coronation as a background and tasty refreshments were included. Again, a great effort had been made by the committee and volunteers to ensure it was enjoyed by all.

Councillor Spikings attended **Upwell Methodist Chapel** for their afternoon tea and the music by Ad Lib, who sang for around 2 hours with songs that were well remembered by all and dancing, which became *de riguer*. Well done to the caterers again. And yes, there was cake.

In the evening, Councillor Spikings also attended Upwell's **Party in the Park** on the playing field, where approximately 200 came to enjoy the live bands and have an enjoyable time; she reports that this was a really good event.

Both Borough Councillors wanted to express what a joyful and refreshing change to their normal BC duties these celebrations were. And how delightful it was to see the efforts of home and business owners with bunting, flags and Jubilee decoration to their properties. Especially striking were the **WI decorations at Ransomes Close**, Upwell.

They will look back on this weekend as one of the best; to see so many people joining in the celebrations with each event slightly different - **but all credit to the helpers who made it a success and people who supported events.**

CLA



It's been all change at the Village Hall over the past couple of months regarding the Committee.

Our time-served Chairperson and Treasurer are leaving the Village after what can only be defined as a lifetime in the community.

Within that time, they have both been great advocates for the Village Hall and have given an unimaginable number of hours of their free time to supporting the hall and putting on events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the tireless effort and support over the years and wish them both well as they take on their future adventures..

Now there has been talk of changes to the hall over the last few months and some of these have been controversial to say the least, but the committee are now committed to making some of these changes themselves and are sure you will see the difference in the near future.

So now for the Changes... I, Rob Shaw, have been asked to take on the role of Upwell Village Hall Chairperson and have accepted the role albeit with some trepidation of what the future holds for the hall: nevertheless, with enthusiasm and excitement to be able to take the hall forward together with the committee.

We have appointed an RFO – Responsible Finance Officer to oversee the income and expenditure for the hall. This will allow us to remain compliant within our financial regulations and help with the budgets for the day-to-day commitments to the Hall's running costs etc.

We have a new Bar Manager in the building...Oona Robinson has taken on the role and, along with her support staff, has started as she means to go on...with **LOTS** of enthusiasm.

There have already been a few events, public and private, that Oona has had the opportunity to sink her teeth into and she has relished the challenges that have been thrown at her so far. I am pleased to say that Oona will be a great asset to the hall now and in the future.

We have already supported the Playing Field Committee with their "Party in the Park" by having the Bar open in the hall and look forward to working with them again very soon; in

fact the 14th of August to be exact, when they put on their postponed fun day from June, which was cancelled due to bad weather. This will be from 11am until 4pm and, alongside all the events on the playing field, the hall bar will be open for refreshments.

We held the 8th Upwell Yard Sale in conjunction with the Playing Field Boot Sale this year on the Jubilee Long Weekend and we raised £276 for the Hall. The participants had a great day by all accounts, and we would like to thank everybody that took part this year - stall holders and shoppers alike who made it a great success...See you all again next year!!

We will also be having an open mike night on the 12th of July at the hall, so why not come along and get your groove on... We are planning on lots of different events over the next few months and beyond so keep an eye out on the notice boards and on the events calendar via the website - [Events \(upwellvillagehall.co.uk\)](http://Events.upwellvillagehall.co.uk)

As well as these events, there are of course the regular clubs to get involved with; whether its Pilates or Bowls, Dancing or friendship groups you are looking for, we have a great selection provided by our regular hirers and they would be happy to see you in their classes or groups. Again, check out the Hall website for more information.

As far as the committee is concerned, we are always looking for new members but if this is not for you, and you would just like to volunteer to assist with events and offer support on an "**as and when needed**" basis, then we would welcome that too.

Drop us a line via the website and we will be happy to put your details on file for such events.

So that about wraps things up for this time, but please get in touch if there is something you would like to see on at the hall or if you have a club / event you would like to start up at the hall.

All the contact details can be found on the website – www.upwellhall.co.uk or contact the Hall Manager – **David on 01945 774060**

Thank you.

Rob

Tea on Tuesday

Our very first session only seems two minutes ago but Tea on Tuesday will soon be celebrating its first birthday!

Set up with a grant from the People's Health Trust to help alleviate the loneliness felt by many in rural locations we have grown from strength to strength and our small group of volunteers now regularly welcomes 40 plus visitors to every session. Offering an abundance of cakes, pretty china and the opportunity to have a good chat, Tea on Tuesday is open to everyone who enjoys good company and making friends and is held in Upwell Methodist Church Hall on alternate Tuesdays from 2pm until 3.30pm.

A cup of tea is an excuse to share great thoughts with great people!

If you are interested in knowing a little more please contact Jackie on **07584 735805** or email her at jackiescotten51@gmail.com

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Upwell and Outwell Luncheon Club

With memories of a fabulous Jubilee Celebration Tea still fresh in their minds, the volunteers at Lunch Club are still busy organising a fortnightly lunch for all our members.

With a menu offering a tasty two courses including everything from a traditional roast to fish and chips for just a fiver plus the chance to enjoy the company of fellow members there isn't a better way for anyone of pensionable age to spend Tuesdays!

Just a thought

Life is like a book #

Some chapters are sad,

Some are happy,

Some are exciting

But if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds.....

If you would like further information about our club just telephone me on 07584 735805. We would love to see you there.

Jackie Scotten

Upwell and Outwell Age Concern Luncheon Club



The Jubilee Luncheon

Upwell Town Football Club 2022/23

Upwell Town FC enter their third season since re-forming with a lot of exciting news and developments for you to catch up on.

For the 2022/23 season Upwell Town firsts and reserves will both be playing their football in the Cambridgeshire County Leagues, following 2 seasons in the North West Norfolk league.

The move was sought due to the availability of regular fixtures and a more professional approach that the club wanted.

Alex Lynn (first team manager) and Karl Schultz (reserve team manager) are excited about the move, and have already started to get their pre-season plans underway. Schultz, who managed Upwell in its previous incarnation, said that *“since getting back to being involved with grassroots football, following a sabbatical, I put the case to Alex that we needed regular football, most weeks, if we wanted to see the club grow and develop. Whilst I personally can appreciate the NWN league’s efforts, we as a club couldn’t continue having fixtures pulled at the eleventh hour mainly due to lack of players for opposition teams. Football at a local level is in a decline and we want to see it rise back to a recognisable level. Had we continued playing in a league where the opponents couldn’t raise a team, it’s likely that our players would have found something else to occupy their weekends, meaning that eventually we might have found ourselves in a similar position. So this move across leagues was seen as a way to safeguard the clubs future.”*

Both teams finished in respectable positions in their leagues, and both progressed to a cup semi-final. This is despite a significant change of playing personnel to both teams from the beginning of the season.

Following the move to the Cambridgeshire County leagues, both teams hope to find their feet early on and have respectable finishes.

Training is every Tuesday 6:30-dark during the Summer months at Upwell Playing Field. Up until the pre-season matches, conditioning work will also take place every Saturday:- Upwell playing field from 10-11am.

Robinson’s Transport has continued to support the club with another generous donation this season, which we would like to publicly thank them for. Without their help and support, it would be difficult to run a football club at this level.

On the **Adult** side of things, we will be running a 5-a-side tournament on Sunday 7th August. This will involve 12 teams playing 20 minute matches straight through, with the top 2 teams of each group progressing to the semi-finals.

We are also excited to announce the introduction of **Upwell Juniors, which will focus on children in the village aged 3-5.** Training will take place every Saturday morning with qualified coaches putting on the sessions. For more information, please contact the club’s Facebook

page:
<https://www.facebook.com/UpwellTownYouths/>

Green Fingers Gardening Club



Summer has arrived and we have sunny days and short warm nights. Gardens are full of colour with roses being at their best. The Club has seen a variety of activities over the past few months. Instead of a talk in April, Susie put together a Gardening Quiz. It was well received and prompted lots of discussion. The 'Team with No Name' won (Gussie, Margaret, Rachel & Miriam). That team name was always going to win as none of the teams had names! In May we visited Inley Drove Farm (Sutton St James) to look at their private garden which is open by appointment as part of the National Gardens Scheme. A six acre area of mixed planting incorporating ponds, a wildflower meadow, mature trees, herbaceous planting, a

vegetable patch and woodland looked as if it had been there forever but had been open farmland only 30 years before. At the last meeting, the Speaker was Nigel Davies, the Gamekeeper on the Stow Estate. He talked about 'Foraging'. The examples of edible plants he had brought along had wilted badly in the heat so looked far from appetising but he was knowledgeable and enthusiastic on the subject.

That June evening the hall was filled with a lovely perfume from roses that had been brought along for the annual Rose Competition. All that was required was five roses displayed in a vase and Miriam's entry of deep red William Shakespeare roses won the Hearnden Rose Bowl.

Future dates for your calendar include:

July 16th (Saturday afternoon) An Open Garden Charity Fund Raiser at Marion's on Small Lode. For more details see the advert below.

July 19th (Tuesday 2-4.30pm) Members Meeting in Raina's garden

August 14th (Sunday 11am-4pm) Upwell Fete. The Club will have a Plant Stall.

August 16th (Tuesday 4-7pm) Members Summer Supper

**** From September, our regular monthly meetings will take place on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS****

You are welcome to join us. Any queries can be fielded by the Chairwoman, Raina on 01945 772160

Open Garden in Upwell

Saturday 16th July, 2pm to 5pm

Rosebank, 72a Small Lode, Upwell PE14 9BG

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Parish Clerk, Melanie Hilton: 07368 420237



UPWELL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

New Road, Upwell, Wisbech, Cambs. PE14 9AB.

Tel. 01945 773604

email upfc@talktalk.net Registered charity 300425

Car boot sales – what a brilliant turnout we have had so far, although we state on our advertising

committee members, Mary Pope and Kelvin Judd, for your help.

All rosettes were designed and made by SHOWDAYZ ROSETTES. GOREFIELD

FUTURE EVENTS: Car boot sale **every Thursday** until 24th October, weather permitting; pitch £5, toilets and refreshments available. Only **DISPLAYED BLUE BADGE HOLDERS MAY PARK ON THE FIELD.**

SATURDAY JULY 16th Horse and Pony Show, Judges – in hand Paula Ryan, ridden Janice Willow Osborne.

sellers 8am and buyers 9am, we always have a queue – we try and open gates by 7.15am. Brilliant support from our booters without whom we wouldn't exist! Car boot sales will continue until the end of October, weather permitting.

Jubilee celebrations – Saturday 4th June and what a lovely day we had, children and adults participating in our fun races. If you didn't attend you missed a brilliant celebration for Her Majesty. Medals were awarded to winners with runners-up

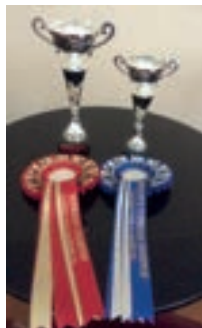
receiving a coin. Sponsorship was received from Upwell Parish Council for marking the running track, Borough Council/Norfolk Community foundation and County Councillor Chris Dawson funded the medals and coins. Upwell Hall opened the bar for the whole day and evening. Thank you to all committee members and volunteers and Upwell Hall Chairman for participating.

Evening of Saturday 4th June we had our Party in the Park.

Unfortunately the weather turned rather chilly and many went home, but we do thank Just us Two AND Butcher Boy, Rockin Roll Andy, Out of Order and those that stayed until the end.

HORSE SHOWS: A bright and breezy day yesterday (26/06) so we had to remove the gazebo for safety. With numbers a little bit low to start with (fuel prices?) we ended with a good turnout, for both in-hand and ridden classes.

David Curtis was our judge for the in-hand section. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and was ably assisted by Emma Scotney. In-hand Champion was Susie Adams with Monty, her Suffolk Punch, Reserve was Janice Willow-Osborne. Afternoon saw role reversal with Emma judging the ridden, David stewarding, children and adults competing. Ridden champion was Ryley Brookes, reserve was Janice Osborne. Supreme champion was Ryley Brookes and Reserve supreme was Janice Osborne.



Photographer for the day was Trinity Allman and relief steward and general helper Kerry Rycroft. We would like to thank non-



SUNDAY 31st JULY - GYMKHANA

SUNDAY AUGUST 7th UPWELL TOWN Five-a-Side FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT ADULTS – Hall Bar Open

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST UPFC SUMMER FAYRE 11am – 4pm Rescheduled due to bad weather. Hall Bar Open.

Vintage and classic vehicles, static engines, stalls, BBQ, Outwell Fire & Rescue, Fens Falconry Display, stalls. (If you wish to book a stall, please email upfc@talktalk.net for a form.), Upwell Town "Beat the Goalies", Tug of War

BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY AUGUST 28th HEAVY HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER TACK SALE 10am – 2pm

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS! Upwell Town FC.

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER JUSTDOGZ dog show

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER HORSE & PONY SHOW

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st MACMILLAN AND DEMENTIA COFFEE MORNING OPENING 10AM

Recently we have had one or two "finds" on the field. Unfortunately, with the best will in the world we, as a **volunteer** committee, cannot be in attendance 24/7 – so if you suspect something please report to the appropriate authorities. Do not moan at committee to do something as authorities will not take information second-hand.

As all volunteer committees, we work extremely hard – giving up our own family time, to give you and your family the community playing field space. Please help us to help the community!

UPWELL PARISH COUNCILSummary of Receipts & Payments
year ending 31st March 2022

2020_2021		2021_2022
	RECEIPTS	£
37,363	Precept	37310
403	Council Tax Support Grant	411
8909	Allotments - Agricultural & Garden	15465
29333	Cemetery	29933
8078	Village Hall recharges	5987
2177	Furlough for Bar staff and cleaner	589
95	refund from CGM	0
0	Insurance	0
2	Bank interest	0
1900	Adverts/Newsletter	2750
124	Recharges (training, salt for grit bin)	0
100	Grants	0
660	Donations	2516
0	PPS funding	0
0	refund from Talk Talk	12
0	refund from CAN	1212
2453	VAT	2470
91597	TOTAL RECEIPTS	98655
	PAYMENTS	
16232	Clerk Salary	14018
195	Payroll	180
850	Expenses	543
390	Audit fees	390
3688	Bank/Loans	3800
7069	Agricultural land	7143
543	Garden Allotments	1240
6756	Parks and open spaces	8246
8585	Cemetery (grass cutting etc.)	11000
0	BCKLWN	4223
11823	Village Hall	16686
445	Security	1173
777	Training	708
181	TalkTalk	184
2733	Street lights	3156
2245	Insurance	2562
20	S137 payments	370
3610	Donations	3208
2954	Advertising/Newsletter	2866
1301	Subscriptions	1289
0	Highways	610
200	Neighbourhood Plan	0
0	War Memorial	1720
0	Hall Hire for meetings	321
287	Grit Bins	0
0	Sam 2 Camera	35
2670	VAT	4815
73554	TOTAL PAYMENTS	90486
69810	Opening Balance	87853
91597	Plus total receipts	98655
73554	Less Total Payments	90486
87853	Total transferred to Annual Return	96022
	Represented by	
86652	Unity Trust Account 20281171 - Tailored account	96019
1201	Unity Trust Account 20281184 - Tailored deposit	3
12101	Fixed Interest Bond - United Trust 20087975	12101
0	Unpresented cheques	0
87853		96022

LAKESEND HAPPY CIRCLE**BUS TRIPS 2022**

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Tuesday 23rd August

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Tuesday 4th October

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which sea creature has three hearts?
2. How many bones does an adult human have?
3. Name the Doll that was famous for crying
4. Which furry creatures lived on Wimbledon Common?
5. What is the Italian word for 'pie'?
6. Which Australian marsupial enjoys eating eucalyptus leaves?
7. Which two metals is pewter made from?
8. Which city does the river Lagan flow through?
9. Who sang about being an eggman and a walrus?
10. What is manzanilla?
11. Who changed the name of his ship from The Pelican to The Golden Hind?
12. Name the actor who died in 1984 and who also starred in the film entitled 1984?
13. How many sides in total, would three triangles and three rectangles have?
14. Which ocean surrounds the Maldives?
15. Which word can be placed before bottle, bell and bird?
16. Which summer dessert is often eaten during Wimbledon's tennis matches?
17. In J.M.Barrie's novel, where did the Lost Boys live?
18. Which is the most northerly of the Channel Islands?
19. Which famous novel featured Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March?
20. What did A.E. Frick invent in 1887, which are now worn by millions?
21. What is entomophobia?
22. In nautical terms, what is the opposite of port?
23. What is the national flower of Wales?
24. What is larger: 50% or five-eighths?
25. Which English national park is associated with poets and an illustrator of small animals?

Answers on page 14

FIVE THINGS YOU MAYBE DIDN'T KNOW.....

- **The first person to be convicted of speeding was going at 8 miles per hour**
- **1 in 5,000 north Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue**
- **The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows**
- **Avocados are a fruit not a vegetable**
- **The Spanish National anthem has no official words**

A Chat with New Councillor Mike Taylor

Moving from West Sussex to Lakes End four years ago, meant a real lifestyle change for Mike and his family. But they have loved village life and being part of a small rural community, which invokes memories of when they lived and enjoyed the community spirit in France.

Mike works full time for a large international software company and has a global remit which means he gets to travel quite a bit when the world is not in the grip of a global pandemic.

In addition, Mike also lectures at two London Universities, participating in a number of academic and commercial crossover projects and supporting several start-up tech companies. I think we can certainly say Mike likes to keep busy! Mike says that during lockdown, like many of us, he had time to reflect on what was important to him. He witnessed his immediate families' working lives affected by the pandemic and started to understand some of the issues that isolation brought to people in communities such as Lakesend, where all the social locations, pubs, shops, the church and even the school in the village, have slowly been lost over time. So, he joined the village hall committee and in January was elected to the chair: with the new committee's help, he has started a program to try to regenerate the social and community aspects that are missing from the village - and use the village hall as the focal point. It is seeing the small successes they are having in this endeavour that have fuelled his desire to try and do more for the community on a broader basis.

Mike hopes that he can contribute in some way, however small, to improve the services and therefore the quality of life

for the people within the parish. He feels quite strongly that rural communities lack the facilities afforded some of the larger conurbations within the country, and wants to help the community get parity where possible.

And what does he do in his spare time?

Both he and his wife are passionate motorhome enthusiasts, enjoying going to new places and meeting new people as well as learning about the history of the areas they visit.

Mike has two hobbies that he really enjoys. He is a very keen amateur photographer and loves to get out and about with the camera, being particularly passionate about wildlife photography - he has been able to photograph some amazing animals such as wolves and tigers in some privately managed collections. His other hobby is fly fishing which he admits is the one downside to living in Lakesend which is in the wilderness when it comes to that form of angling. It goes without saying that travel is also up there on the list but that is more a means to fulfilling passions for angling and photography.

And on a light-hearted note,

•Who is your favourite music artist/band? - David Bowie

•Favourite foods – Thai red chicken curry

•If you could visit anywhere, where would that be? - South Africa (he almost got there on business once, but it was cancelled at the last moment)

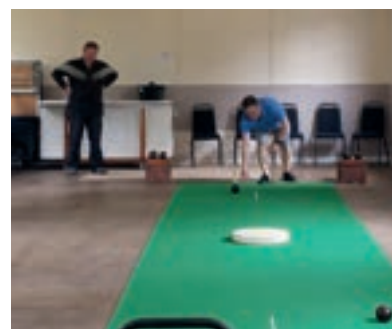
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Lakes End Village Hall Jubilee Celebration

The village hall committee decided to put on a Barbeque to which the whole village and Tipps End, would be invited...and what a success it was!

We are so grateful to everyone who came to join us to celebrate our wonderful Queen's Platinum Jubilee and each and every person who came and told us that they had enjoyed themselves. It was amazing to feel that sense of community on that day in the village, which was, of course what the day was all about.

Thank you to the committee for laying on the BBQ, to Mike



and Ray for hanging metres and metres of bunting, to Dave for the wonderful food, to everyone who baked a cake, but most of all, to everyone who came along to join in the fun! Especially to those who dressed up and had their faces painted and it wasn't just the children!

And, of course, a huge Thank You to our Queen for her dedication and unfailing service to us for the last 70 years.



It has been both wonderful and heart-warming to see the academy return to 'normal'. For the first time in two years we have been able to welcome parents and carers in to watch their children perform, and to be able to hold whole school assemblies. As staff we have found this very emotional, as we are always so proud when our children perform and share their learning with their families. Along with this return to normality we have also seen the return of statutory assessments. The children conducted themselves well and were ready to show off their skills.

Just before Easter we took some of our year 5's and 6's on a residential break. As always it was a great experience but we hadn't quite bargained on the snow! Children took part in a range of activities such as caving, wall climbing, fencing and orienteering. For some of them this was their first trip away without family and they all coped really well. We've already made a booking for next year!

Key Stage 1 had a magnificent educational experience when



they visited **Houghton Hall** earlier this term. They thoroughly enjoyed their exploration of the exquisite grounds, once the home to Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole. They were astonished by the grandeur of the Grade I listed building which is surrounded by 1,000 acres of parkland, a few miles from Sandringham House. Pupils had the opportunity to view many of the outdoor art installations including Richard Long's *Full Moon Circle* and *A Line in Norfolk*. They were particularly in awe of *The Waterflame*. This intriguing sculpture in the walled garden was created by Jeppe Hein, a Danish artist. The fountain jets up water and a mystical flame appears shortly after, staying alight! We were impressed by the maturity, good manners and respect shown by all of our children during the trip, they made both Miss Kirk and Miss Ellington very proud.

Year 3 went on a trip to **Burghley House** to build on the history work that they have been doing in class. The children had great fun dressing up as Tudors for the day as part of

the experience. They toured the house, finding out about how the wealthy



lived during the Tudor period.

They were shown the types of foods that the different classes ate. And in the afternoon, they had a real treat as they got to meet Henry VIII, who told them all about his life and they were given the chance to ask him questions.

We had an amazing day playing **Quidditch**, run by a visiting company. We were so blown away by the experience that we have now purchased our own Quidditch equipment.

Who knows, you might see Upwell Academy taking part in Quidditch tournaments. We have some other experiences booked for the children before the end



of the academic year, but they don't know about it yet. It might involve a little bit of 'clowning around' though.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** and held a whole school street party (see photo front page). The children had a special lunch, which included two wonderfully decorated cakes, a competition won by Ellis in year 1 and Jayden in year 3. The children received lovely gifts from the academy, Parish Council and West Norfolk Borough Council and will have these as mementos for years to come.



Our transition plans have started and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families imminently. We have a few spaces left for reception class in September: if you would like to come and visit please contact the office who will be happy to arrange a tour for you.

Our website has a weekly round up every Friday of what children have been doing. There is also a link to the full Ofsted report (November 2021 rated Good in all areas).

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UPWELL, sometimes called Well, is a long and populous village adjoining Outwell, 6 miles S.E. of Wisbech, and 9 miles W. by S. of Downham, in the fens, where the old rivers Nene, Welney, and Well Creek, fall into the Wisbech Canal. The parish includes the hamlets of Lakesend, Tipsend, and Christchurch, from 4 to five miles south of the village, and North Delph about 4 miles south, and is in Wisbech union and county court district, Lynn bankruptcy district, Clackclose petty sectional division and hundred, Upwell polling district of West Norfolk, Fincham rural deanery, and Norfolk archdeaconry.

Upwell parish extends into Cambridgeshire; the Norfolk portion comprises 8930A. 1R. 38P. of land, and had 2082 inhabitants in 1881; the Cambridgeshire portion, 7398A. 3R. 8P., and had 1357 acres [sic] in 1881; the estimated rental of the latter is £15,754 19s., and the rateable value £13,951 8s., and the estimated rental of the former £19,598 8s., and the rateable value £17,395 10s.

Until 1862 Welney chapelry formed part of the ancient parish of Upwell, but in that year it was, by Act of Parliament, constituted a distinct parish for all purposes, ecclesiastical as well as civil.

The Norfolk portion of Upwell is in the manor of Beaupré Hall, which is held by C.W. Townley, Esq., and the Cambridgeshire portion in the manor of Wisbech Barton, which is held by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and extends over the whole of Wisbeck union. The principal landowners are, C.W. Townley, Esq., T.F.C. Huddleston, Col. Geo. Croft Huddleston, J.C. Townsend, A.A. Vanisthurt, Jackson Hunt, J.C. Jones, and M. McKean, Esqrs.; Lord Overton, Sir John Smith, the Hon. Sir J.B. Byles, Rev. John Fenwick, Rev. J. Worton, and Messrs. Thos. Ebworthy, John Wooll, Saml. West, Hy. West, and others.

King John granted Upwell a weekly market on Wednesday, to which Henry VI. added a fair to be held on St. Peter and St. Paul's day. The market is obsolete, and the fair, held on June 29th and 30th, is merely a pleasure mart. The greater part of the parish is fen, but now well drained and cultivated under an Act passed in 1801, and there are several steam engines and windmills in the parish for drainage purposes.

The CHURCH (St. Peter) is a large edifice comprising nave with aisles and clerestory, chancel, north porch with parvise, and square tower with octagonal belfry, six bells and a clock. The interior is neatly pewed, and contains a few ancient brasses, and a modern one recording the names of 67 persons, who died in this parish of cholera in 1832 from June 21st to August 13th. From 1836 to 1838, the church was thoroughly repaired at a cost of more than £6000. The doors, pulpit, reading-desk, and seats are of oak, exquisitely carved by Ollett, of Norwich. The roofs are fine specimens of open timber-work, and are ornamented with large and small figures of angels.

The magnificent east window is filled with beautiful stained glass, representing the Descent from the Cross, Christ bearing the Cross, Our Saviour appearing to Mary Magdalen in the Garden, and many other subjects, executed in the finest style of art by Messrs. Hoadley and Oldfield, of London, at a cost of more than £1500. It was the gift of a former rector, and was inserted after the old one had been blown out by a hurricane in 1842, when the exterior battlements were added. The churchyard has been several times enlarged. It was enclosed in 1842, the gates and the vases being the gift of the late patron; the former were brought from Peterborough Cathedral, and the latter from Wanstead House. In the chancel are three sedilia and a piscina, and in various parts of the church are monuments of the Townley, Hutchesson, Wooll, Berry, Hopkin, Bell, Lee, and other families. The pulpit is finely carved, and the old brass eagle-lectern still remains.

The rectory, valued in the King's Book at £16, is in the patronage of C.W. Townley, Esq., and incumbency of the Rev. J.B. Dalison, M.A., who has a yearly rent-charge of £3088, and a good rectory-house, which was enlarged and improved in 1877 at a cost of £1742 from Queen Anne's Bounty, the repayment of which extends over a period of 30 years.

Until the death of the late rector in 1862, the whole parish, with the chapelry of Welney, was consolidated in one living; but it is now

divided into three separate ecclesiastical parishes, in accordance with an Act of Parliament passed in 1846. Under this Act £15,000 was borrowed in the Economic Assurance Society, repayable in 35 years: of this sum Upwell St. Peter had £7797 4s. 2d., Christchurch £4024 16s., and Welney the remainder.

Christchurch was built in 1865, for the southern part of the parish, and consists of nave, chancel and transept: it originally had a tower on the north side, but the foundations being unsafe, it was taken down. The church cost £3500 and provides accommodation for 360 persons. The chancel contains a good organ and has two memorial windows. The living is a rectory with a tithe rent-charge of £1594, in the patronage of C.W. Townley, Esq., and incumbency of the Rev. Geo. Metcalfe, M.A.; a rectory house has been erected at an outlay of £3368.

In 1866 a Chapel of Ease at Delph (Holy Trinity) was built at a cost of £2500, and a parsonage at an expense of £2000; the latter is now occupied by the curate.

Here are nine dissenting chapels, of which five belong to the Primitive Methodists, two to the Wesleyans (the one at North Delph has a clock on the front, and was erected in 1861), and one each to the Baptist and Methodist Free Church.

The Upwell Church Institute and Literary Association was formed in 1875, and has a library of 400 volumes. The Rev. J.B. Dalison, M.A., is president, and Mr. W. Welchman, secretary.

In 1874, a SCHOOL BOARD for Upwell united district was formed, the present members of which are Messrs. Hy. West, chairman; Wm. Prethro, vice-chairman; Nathan Booth, George Cawthorn, and Jph. Morton. Mr. James Webber is their clerk. Handsome and commodious schools with teachers' houses attached, were erected in 1878 at St. Peter's, at a cost of £4200: it is in three departments, boys, girls, and infants, and is attended by 350 children. North Delph Mixed School was built at a cost of £2000, and is attended by 100 children. Lake's End Mixed School cost £2000, and is attended by 70 children. The school of Christchurch is also under the control of the board, having been leased for 21 years at a nominal rent, and is attended by 160 children.

The PUBLIC HALL, near the church, was erected in 1868, by a company of shareholders at a cost of £800, in 800 £1 shares. Mr. F.T. Ollard is secretary to the company. The hall will seat 500 people, and is let for concerts, meetings, &c.

The Upwell and Outwell Gas Company, with a capital of £2000, raised in £5 shares, was formed in 1867, and the gas-works were erected in that year at a cost of £2000. Mr. W. Welchman is secretary to the company. Gas is supplied at 4s. 8d. per 1000 feet.

Popham's Eau, which empties itself into the river Nene on the west, and the Well Creek on the east, has two pumping engines (one 40-horse power, and one 16-horse power), and a windmill on its banks to pump into it the water from the drains.

An iron bridge was placed over the river at North Delph in 1865.

The rents of two tenements and 10A. 1R. 28P. of land, left by John Fox in 1626, and 7A. 3R. 29P. allotted in 1686, are applied in repairing the church. They are now (1880) let for £43 16s. 3d. Certain 'Bishop's Land's,' 36A. 1R. 20P., in the fen, called Welney Runs, were devised in 1765 for three lives by the Bishop of Ely, renewable perpetually to the poor of the Cambridge parts of Upwell and Welney, and are now let for £70 a year. The Cambridge part has also 23A. 3R. 31P. of land, let in 1880 at £75 per annum, for the poor. Thos. Dixon left £20 for Cambridge part, and Matthew Bartman left £5 for the poor. The Charities, &c., belonging to the Norfolk part of Upwell, are as follows:- Two houses divided into several tenements, and about 48A. of land, let for £120 per annum; partly allotted at different times, and partly bequeathed to the poor by Thomas Lamb in 1562, and John Fox in 1626. The clear rents, together with the interest of £30, left by John Boss and Thomas Dixon, are distributed among the poor at Christmas. An Oddfellows' Lodge meets at the Public Hall.



at St Peter's Church, Upwell

Sadly, our Messy Church in May was cancelled due to our coordinator being ill.



We opened the church for Jubilee Weekend where making crowns, painting and refreshments were available, just to give a taster of what we do.



We are planning our next Messy Church for **Sunday 18th September**, when we will learn about Harvest. Watch out for more information on school websites, newsletters, posters etc.

Remember we are open to ALL ages, the young and the not so young. Come along and join our Craft tables and story time, finishing with refreshments.



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As I write this, summer is blooming; both in the garden with plenty of colourful flowers and with the warm weather. Some may say too warm! However, long may it last. Looking for an activity during this balmy time? Look no further - come along to the Welle W.I. evenings; meet new people (soon to be new friends) and listen to Speakers or join in various activities. Welle W.I. meet on the first Monday of the month at Upwell Village Hall at 7.30pm. After a short session of business matters, we partake of the 'entertainment' of the evening, followed by refreshments drawing of the raffle and a chat. The following months offerings are: July 4th – Talk by a Forensic Scientist; August 1st – Flower Arranging; September 5th – Drumming (learn to play a drum – very entertaining); October 3rd – Harvest event; November 7th – AGM; December 5th – Entertainment. During the Queen's Jubilee Welle W.I. hung a display around one member's fence on Town Street. The members knitted, crocheted or

made the items displayed, eg the Queen, the Crown, the Corgi, the Soldiers and flowers. It seemed to go down well with the public. **If you didn't get to see it a photo is on the front page.** Recently Welle W.I. held a coffee morning in Upwell Village Hall and invited all the ladies of the Parish to partake of refreshment and a chat. We hope you saw the posters around the village. The morning went well and we had some ladies who had recently moved to the area, wanted to join in activities and get to know people. Where better than the W.I.? We are hoping to hold another coffee morning soon so if you missed this one look out for the posters. Better still, come along to our monthly meeting and meet us all there. Looking forward to meeting you all. For any further information please telephone our President Janet Roden 01945 774565 Or Secretary: Sue Cowling 01945 773578

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1. Octopus
 2. 206
 3. Tiny Tears
 4. The Wombles
 5. Pizza
 6. Koala
 7. Tin and Lead
 8. Belfast
 9. The Beatles
 10. A light Sherry
 11. Sir Francis Drake
 12. Richard Burton
 13. 21
 14. Indian Ocean
 15. Blue
 16. Strawberries and cream
 17. Never, Never Land
 18. Alderney
 19. Little Women
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- Venue: Upwell Village Hall
- Date: 10th September 2022
- Time: 8pm till late
- Price: £20.00 including Hog Roast supper or a vegetarian dish and desert is included.
- Bar: Licenced Bar will be open for purchasing drinks.

Contacts for booking:

- Grahame Seaton: 01945 772632
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Jubilee Film
And Tea

Everyone that came along really enjoyed our Platinum Jubilee Film & Tea Celebration – huge thanks to all the trustees and volunteers that organised the event, decorated the hall and made all the cakes and other food in advance of the day.

Following our Annual General Meeting at the end of April, the charity has seven trustees and some new volunteers. A major thank you goes to Roy Killingworth who has volunteered to cut the grass around the hall, in the children's play area and on the playing field – this provides a much-needed and substantial saving to THVH&PF as otherwise a landscaping company would have to be paid to do this. The trustee committee has elected its main officers, Interim Chair - Colin Rose, Vice-Chair – Rowan Fox-Noble, Secretary – Helen Hartley, Treasurer – Geoff Fox-Noble. Like all of you, the charity has been through the tough times of the Covid lockdowns and is now struggling to meet the rising costs of electricity. The winter of 2022-23 will be a challenging time as we battle to find a way to meet the ongoing running costs of keeping the hall and playing field open to the public.

Unlike some similar organisations in England, our charity receives no direct funding and has no employees. Everyone involved is a volunteer and we would welcome with open arms anyone wishing to get involved. Funding for running costs has to come from hire fees and we can also apply for grants for some specific projects and activities. So, if you have an idea for a community project or activity that you would like to set up and run at our hall then we can offer our support and help you to apply for grants to get it up-and-running. Email threeholesvh@gmail.com or speak to one of the committee members <http://www.threeholesvillagehall00.org.uk/ABOUT-US/>

One urgent project, for which the Trustees need to find grant funding, is for the replacement of the hall's flat roof. **ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL FLAT ROOF BUILDER?** We would like to hear from you if you would like to be considered for rebuilding the current warm flat roof which has reached its expected life span. Drawings have been done and a specification is available but a site visit should be made by appointment as there are details that can only be assessed on site. Please contact Interim Chair, Colin Rose, by email at colinrose7@aol.com. We are considering the top coat to be **Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EDPM)** or Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP). The work will include up-rated rafters that can take PV panels. Pitch to be 1:40 with 120mm. Celotex or equivalent to comply with Net Zero requirements. CNC Building Control, the organising that represents West Norfolk, has been consulted. Quotes required for

start of July for August. Community Infrastructure Levy application for funding will be made.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE HALL

WELLE CINEMA – screenings are usually the first Sunday of the month but dates may vary – look out for more details each month. **NO NEED TO BOOK - Admission is £3.50 per person. Doors open 30 minutes before screening commences. Refreshments and licensed bar available. Tel. Rowan, 07989 871806**

- Sunday 7th August 2pm, **NO FILM** – summer holiday
- Sunday 4th September 2pm, **FILM TO BE CONFIRMED**
- Sunday 2nd October 2pm, **FILM TO BE CONFIRMED**

PILATES - meets weekly on Tuesdays 5.30 to 6.30pm. Contact teacher, Kathy Whitby, for more details 07808 833036

QUICK DISCO – Is having a **HOLIDAY** and will be back after the summer break. Tuesdays 6.45 to 7.45pm. Anybody and everybody welcome. £3 per person. Contact 07957 444191

THREE HOLES INDOOR BOWLS CLUB - meets weekly on Thursdays at 7pm. New players welcome. Contact Pam Russell, Secretary on 01945 773561. Recently the club had a meal out and presented a gift, to say thank you, to Eddie Manning who has helped the club for many years. He and his wife Carol are soon to leave the village moving to a bungalow nearer the coast and their youngest daughter.

FRIDAY AUCTION - Friday Auctions run most weeks at Three Holes Village Hall, PE14 9JY - sale starts at 6pm. Open for drop-off of items and viewing from 9am. Hot food served all day. For more details contact Vik 07879 005521

SATURDAY BINGO - Sadly, these immensely popular sessions are currently on hold as the main organiser and bingo caller - Dennis Martin – needs to focus on battling a number of health problems. Dennis, his wife Chrissie and a team of helpers have been running activities at THVH for decades working like Trojans each week to keep all of us fed and entertained. **DENNIS - GET WELL SOON!!**



Hall ready for the
Platinum Jubilee

Some think that the County Council know little about us on the western boundary - this article, written by Upwell reporter, Sarah Reedman, over thirty years ago, is ample demonstration of it! It couldn't have been a more unfortunate date either -Ed

All's not well at unveilings

It should have been Upwell's finest hour, the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the village's move into Norfolk after years of being split in two along a county boundary.

Local dignitaries braved biting winds yesterday to gather expectantly for the ceremony at the village's Church Bridge.

Norfolk County Council chairman Harold Rockcliffe had been seconded to perform the honours and threw off the plaque's cover with gusto.

The windswept party stared at the plaque — and then at each other. It was Outwell's plaque on Upwell's bridge.

As embarrassed officials turned away in disbelief Mr Rockcliffe pressed on. "I would like to welcome you all into Norfolk," he said. Shortly afterwards the amused

By SARAH REEDMAN

party drove on to next-door Outwell for another unveiling ceremony to mark its move into Norfolk after also previously being split in two by the old county boundary.

There they were less than astonished to find Outwell's plaque, at Isle Bridge, referred to Upwell's amalgamation.

Local county councillor Harold Goose unveiled it and quipped: "We have often said Norfolk County Council does not know where we are on this side of the county. I believe it has been proved today."

Moving both villages into Norfolk delighted local people after the boundary quirk resulted in youngsters being sent to different

schools, ratepayers arguing over charges from different authorities and the villages having to have four parish councils — one each at both Upwell and Outwell for both the Isle and Norfolk.

The Well Creek river was traditionally the county boundary. The changes involved almost 530 hectares of land and 1160 people.

A builder from King's Lynn, who remained nameless, later got the blame for fixing the plaques the wrong way round, despite the fact that Upwell's towering village sign is but a few feet away from the Upwell plaque site.

County officials promised a swap would be organised as soon as possible. The plaques did, however, commemorate correctly the changeover date in 1990... April 1.

All change at Upwell and Outwell



Norfolk County Council chairman Harold Rockcliffe by the sign unveiled at Upwell.

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Upwell Village Hall
July 11th

Lakesend Village Hall
August 8th

Upwell Village Hall
September 12th

Three Holes Village Hall
October 10th