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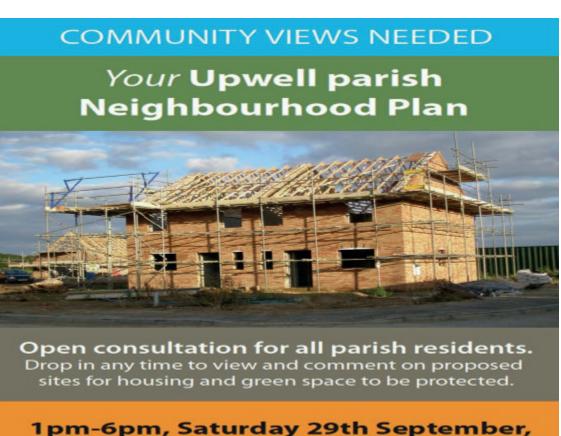
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EDITH BLUNT ESTATE AND CHARITABLE TRUST REPORT

Upwell Village Hall

After a very long time I am pleased to report that all of the assets of the Estate have now been sold except for the land and car park of the old orchard behind the house. Many discussions have taken place about the orchard and this will become the nature walk as requested by the late Edith Blunt. The Charitable Trust can now be set up and discussions have taken place about the Trustees and their duties. After talking to several people that I know in the village I have drawn up a list of potential Trustees. Letters are being sent out in the next two weeks asking them if they will be prepared to become Trustees. A Trust Deed including all of the requests of Edith Blunt has been drafted and this will need the new Trustees approval and well as legal approval.

After this has been received, it will then be necessary to get it approved by the Charity Commissioners. Once set up, there are the legal requirements of transferring the nature reserve land and car park into the Charitable Trusts name together with making adequate provision for its upkeep. This may well need volunteer groups from the village to assist in its upkeep and ensuring it is suitable for everyone to enjoy its amenity.

The various funds will need to be considered for projects in the village and for investment as endowments to provide a lasting legacy for the Trust.

A tremendous amount of work has been completed to get to this stage, but there is still a long way to go.

> **A D Davies** 24 August 2018 **Executor to E Blunt deceased.**



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear All,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Community Magazine. Whether it was a tornado or a microburst is a matter of opinion, but the extraordinary wind and the thunderstorm that followed on the evening of Friday 27th of July was quite an experience. Fortunately there doesn't seem to have been much structural damage although a number of trees were brought down and others lost significant

limbs. I asked around for photos and a few came my way, if you have one to contribute please send to Editor Steve or me. Perhaps we can feature these in the Winter magazine.

Council is now in the process of taking over the management of the Cemetery and contractors have started grass cutting. Cllr Vivienne Spikings has told me that a number of people have volunteered to become 'Friends of the Cemetery' and as soon as the hand over is complete I will be in touch. Many thanks to those of you who have offered your time. If anyone else would like to help please get in touch with either of us.

You will have seen that a new bus shelter has been installed at the bottom of Townley Close and thanks go to Proedge Construction who installed in and at the same time repaired the footpath in front of it free of charge. Another bus shelter needs attention, namely the one on Croft Road. Basically it's falling to bits and the question is whether to replace it or remove it. What happens will depend on how much use it gets. Council needs to hear from the Community on this. Please contact the Clerk or any Member with your thoughts on the subject.

We now have the new SAM2 camera operating full time in the Parish. It will be moved around to collect data on speeding vehicles, which is passed on to the Police along with reports from the Speedwatch Team. Based on this

information, evidential cameras are deployed, which issue fixed penalty notices to those exceeding the limit. In July they were on School Road, New Road and Lowside. You have been warned! Council are also investigating extending the 30 mph limit on New Road and in Three Holes. We are waiting for the dot matrix sign to be installed at the New Road/Tointons Road junction to alert drivers to take extra care there.

Neighbourhood Planning: You will have seen from the front page that there will be a consultation later on this month following the 'call for sites' in this magazine earlier in the year. Please find time to drop in and give your opinion on the most suitable sites for housing development over the next 20 years. The Plan will incorporate these for about 45 new dwellings. There will also be a consultation on green spaces to be protected. A number have been identified but you will have an opportunity to add to these.

Lastly another reminder to check outside the front of your property and deal with any weeds. In some places they are growing all over the footpath. While many households keep their frontage tidy it only needs a neglected few to make a whole street look uncared for.

With thanks once again to Editor Steve Calton, contributors, advertisers and distributors. Copy date for the winter edition will be Friday 16th November.

Kind regards Prue Lester





COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE 1918 ARMISTICE 'UPWELL REMEMBERS 1918-2018' REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

After a great deal of thought about a suitable way to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, a wreath of 66 steel poppies, one for each man of the Parish who lost his life in that war, has been commissioned by the Parish Council and is being made by a local craftsman. It will be installed in the War Memorial Garden as a lasting reminder that even after 100 years the people of Upwell have not forgotten that sacrifice. Here is the first of the poppies to be made. It will be dedicated on Remembrance Sunday and the Standards will process from the village hall at the earlier time of 10:30 a.m.

The traditional ceremony at the War Memorial will be followed by a service at Upwell Methodist Church

The cost of the steel poppy wreath has been part financed by a grant of £200 from the Borough Council, which set up a fund specifically to support projects to commemorate the Armistice. I would ask anyone who would like to make a donation towards the final cost of approximately £400 to contact me.

Dog Fouling - a plea to ALL dog owners

As a responsible dog owner I am becoming increasingly perturbed, indeed angry, at the seemingly irresponsible behaviour of what I assume is a very small number of other dog owners in the village. I regularly walk my dog around village streets, along bridleways and footpaths, taking care to clean up after my dog and depositing the remains in the bins provided. I am constantly amazed how often I see dog mess left on village footpaths. This is not just unpleasant but presents a potential health risk. Whereas I accept accidents can happen and occasionally even responsible owners can run out of poo bags, what I am noticing is that there are stretches of pavement around Upwell where fouling is regular. Not exclusively, but as an example, the stretch of pavement along New Road, between Listers Road and the War Memorial sees fouling on a daily basis, probably due to just one thoughtless individual. The dog owner will know who they are. Owning a dog carries responsibilities. Please don't continue this anti social practice, it gets all responsible dog owners a bad name, risks more swinging regulations, like heavy fines for not carrying poo bags and could cause YOU to receive a heavy fine.

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Whether you are already a ringer or interested to learn, St Peter's Church needs you. I am looking to recruit a new band so please call me to find out more – phone number on the back page - if all goes well the bells will be ringing again soon.

There is a national campaign called 'ring to remember' that is trying to recruit 1400 ringers to commemorate the 1400 that lost their lives in WWI and to ring on Remembrance Sunday, so if you think ringing might be for you please don't delay, get in touch soon.

Prue Lester





Traditional crimes such as burglary and car theft are now much less prevalent than they once were. But new types of criminal activity have sprung up to replace them, and these new crimes require new solutions if they are to be tackled effectively.

Prevention is key, and strong communities where people know and look out for their neighbours is an excellent route to crime prevention.

In fact, tackling loneliness and vulnerability is now a priority for the government as a way of reducing crime and building safer neighbourhoods. In 2017 the government even created a Minister for Loneliness.

All of the issues above are specific problems that need to be addressed in order to make our communities safer.

As well as talking to elderly people about scams and how scammers operate, there are steps you can take that can help to reduce the opportunities for scammers to reach them, and to offer additional protection in the event that they are targeted by fraudsters. Here are some...

Sign them up to the Mailing Preference Service

If someone you know is being bombarded with large amounts of mail, it's a good idea to get them signed up to the Mailing Preference Service (MPS). This will have the effect of stopping UK organisations that are members of the Direct Marketing Association from sending them personally-addressed mail unless they have expressly given those companies permission to do so. However, as most scammers are unlikely to be members of the DMA, it won't stop scam mail getting through – but if the person knows they are registered with the MPS and ought not to be receiving any unsolicited letters or catalogues, this should raise suspicions of any that do arrive.

You can register online for the Mailing Preference Service at www.mpsonline.org.uk or by phoning 020 7291 3310.

WARNING: Beware of people calling you claiming to be from the Mailing Preference Service asking for payment to complete your registration – this is itself a scam!!

Sign them up to the Royal Mail opt-out service

You can also opt out of Royal Mail Door to Door. This stops all unaddressed mail being delivered to their home via Royal Mail deliveries. If they wish to opt out, they should send their name and address to Freepost, Royal Mail Customer Services or email their name and address to optout@royalmail.com. An opt-out form will then be sent to their address, which they must complete and return.

Register their numbers with the Telephone Preference Service If someone you know is receiving lots of phone calls from commercial organisations, it's a good idea to get them signed up to the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). This will have the effect of stopping legitimate companies from making unsolicited sales and marketing calls to the person's phone number. Of course, scammers won't take any notice of the TPS – but if the person is registered and knows they are not supposed to receive any more calls, it should be obvious that the caller is not legitimate.

If you are registering a mobile number you can also download TPS Protect, which will send you messages about new scams and nuisance calls. You can find it online or on the App Store or Google Play.

Install a call blocker

Installing a call blocker is another way of preventing nuisance calls getting through. Most telephone service providers will have their own versions that you can subscribe to as part of their service, though these can come at a price.

BT's Call Protect automatically diverts calls that BT believes to be from nuisance callers to customers' junk voicemail boxes. It also allows people to compile their personal blacklist of numbers they wish to block.

Register them with the Fundraising Preference Service

The Fundraising Preference Service lets you choose which charities you do and don't want to be contacted by. The purpose of this service is to prevent charities from swapping or selling the personal details of donors and then inundating those donors with requests for money. Once you sign up to the FPS, only those charities which you have elected to stay in touch with, are allowed to contact you.

Put a 'no cold callers' sign on their door or window. Request a 'no cold callers' sign from your local council or find a

printable version online, and place it somewhere visible to people outside. Create a password for use by utility companies

companies – this password will be used by anyone they send round to the person's home so they can be sure the caller is genuine.

Encourage them to set up a password with their utility

YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN SCAMMED. WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Thousands of people, especially older people, do fall victim to scammers every year. Realising that you've been duped can be a highly distressing experience. Many people are embarrassed and ashamed to admit they have been scammed, and are reluctant to report it. But they really should report it, so that the authorities can take steps to try and prevent others from falling victim to the same scam.

Think Jessica

Think Jessica is a charity committed to making people aware of the dangers and financial implications caused by postal and telephone scams, by educating professionals and protecting the most vulnerable members of society from illegal practices. It was set up by the daughter of an elderly woman, Jessica, who was completely taken in by scammers over several years, and lost all her savings to them – despite continual warnings from her family about what was happening. Jessica built up an emotional bond with the scammers - particularly one who claimed to be a clairvoyant – and spent years convinced that she was on the verge of winning a huge prize pot.

As a society, we need to raise awareness of the potential for scams by looking out for each other. Remember informed consumers are much less likely to fall for scams.

> Jane Sutton Co Ordinator Upwell & Outwell NHW



Is scouting good? No, it's brilliant.

A few months ago, scouts came up with the amazing idea of creating a restaurant in the scout's/cub's hall, to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society, inviting parents and siblings to come and dine.

So, we planned the menu the week before and we were encouraged to find a menu that we agreed unanimously; we had options for vegetarians and vegans as well as desserts. On the night we took it in turns to cook, serve and wash up. The parents thought it was exquisite and we raised a lot of money for a dementia charity.

At the end of the term we had a group water fight and said goodbye to our Cub Leader, Nick Jones (AKA Akala). Nick Jones has led the cubs for over 10 years. Most of the scouts have been through cubs and have enjoyed the activities he put on for us as Cubs. Nick was always up for a camp and has helped out in most of the scout



trips including Winter Camps where we camped in tents in February. The group presented Nick with a personalised pen knife and photo book entitled "Thanks for all the great memories".

Seth Mayer



Scouts is completely volunteer run and we need your help! If you or someone you know wants to help young people in your community benefit from the scouts association come along on Wednesday evenings 6:00pm-8:00pm to find us on Facebook just search 12th Wisbech scouts.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN UPWELL METHODIST CHURCH AND HALL

Sunday Morning Worship - 10.30 am

Monday Volunteer Gardening 9.00 am - 11.00 am

(weather permitting)

Street Dancing - 6.45 pm - 8.45 pm

Tuesday Luncheon Club Tel: 01945 773577

Greenfingers Gardening Club

Third Tuesday of each month 7:30pm

Wednesday Cubs 6.00pm Tel: 07969927982

Scouts 6.00pm Tel: 07437014909

Thursday Fellowship Group 2.15pm

(previously called the Sisterhood)

Friday Girls' Brigade Tel: 07584432695

- Explorers 5.30 - 7.00 pm

- Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders 7.00-9.00pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND AT THE UPWELL METHODIST CHURCH 13th and 14th October.

You are all welcome to come along to Upwell Methodist Church and Celebrate Harvest with us.

The Church will be suitably decorated for the season; there will be Craft Stalls in the hall selling good quality cards, jewellery etc. and you can enjoy a light lunch before or after browsing. ALSO....We have a VARIETY SHOW on the Saturday evening with an exciting line-up of talent not seen before at one of these events. 'THE JAMMERS', a group with an interesting variety of instruments, will open the show; followed by Allan and Jules, two Upwell favourites. There will then be a break for food - one of our well-known buffets, after which 'The Sugar Beats' will start the second half. They will be followed by a couple of monologues from Charlie - (always hilarious) and then, for our finale, we have the very talented Katie Macer. I first heard her at St. Peter's Church and was 'blown away' by the quality of her voice!

We are not selling tickets, but are asking for donations towards the replacement of the Church roof. Numbers are needed for the catering so please ring Sylvie Short on 01945 774443 to reserve your place.

IT'S A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED..LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON POSTERS AROUND THE VILLAGE.

THE GREEN FINGERS GARDENING CLUB

Well, in spite of the wide variety of weather we have had this year the plants have stood up to it remarkably well. Unfortunately the weeds have really flourished but the roses have done very well and there is still a lot of colour in the gardens.

Having said that, it does seem a pity that so many gardens these days, particularly the new builds, are being gravelled over to be used as car parks. Of course people have to have a parking area and that is the obvious thing to do but it is such a pity not to have the colourful flower beds and borders which brighten the streets so well.

It has been a very good year for the club. We have gained some more members and had some very good speakers. Our summer party in August was well attended and most enjoyable. We are looking forward to our outing on 9th September to Fuller's Mill in Suffolk. At the September meeting the speaker will be Mike Petty talking about the Ouse Washes, which should be interesting. There will also be the annual photography competition.

Future meetings: 16th October, Jane Sills, subject, Ramsey Walled Garden. November will be the AGM and we finish the year on 4th December with Eric Somerville talking about Opium in the Fens.

Further details from Val Payne on 01945 772247. Meetings are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Upwell on the third Tuesday of the month.

Lastly, if you have a problem with a pernicious weed known as 'mare's tail' in your garden, a member knows of a product that will treat it. Please contact Val for more information.

THANK YOU

The Committee of Green Fingers Gardening Club would like to thank all those who supported our plant stall at Upwell Fete and the Open Garden and coffee morning. We raised £437 towards this year's charity, West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled

Daisy Hearnden

THE FARMING YEAR

What a difference a year makes. Last year the cereals were good and the potatoes, onions and most other crops turned out well. Autumn drilling of winter cereals and oilseed rape went in fairly well but then the weather started to turn colder and we had one of the coldest winters for many years. This carried on into early spring and then it also turned wet with heavy spells of rain in March, which made it difficult to plant spring crops, so a lot were planted later than usual. Then after a poor start the weather started to come dryer and warmer but it carried on getting hotter, with only the odd shower of rain and some of the highest temperatures on record.

A lot of the crops started to suffer as a result. Around this area the cereals don't look too bad but as you go further to where the land is lighter—for example further into Norfolk - the crops are really suffering. Some fields of sugar beet look really good and others poorly. The same with potatoes, those which were planted later have been affected by the heat and even now the tops aren't meeting in the rows, so I think there will be some light crops this year.

The hot weather has also affected other produce. The strawberries didn't last long due to the heat and some

vegetables also suffered. We have had one or two showers lately which might help some things. As I go about I haven't seen a good field of onions yet, so it looks as though those could be light this year. They are also saying that carrots could be short. Livestock farmers are also suffering as the grass is drying up so they have to use feed which they would normally keep for the winter. All this could make a difference to food prices later on. Watching the news, this weather appears to be worldwide so it's not just a problem for this country.

Harvest has started a bit earlier than normal but I have been told that weight wise some winter barley and wheat are coming out better than expected, so it just goes to show that the weather rules and we have no control over it.

I am just waiting for some bright spark of a politician to get up and say farmers need to produce more food - but has anybody thought that with all the building taking place throughout the country and with the growing population we are going to end up with more people and less land to grow food on. This is happening all over the world so it doesn't take a very clever person to work out what could happen and possibly will in time. That's all for now folks, all the best for the rest of the year.

Keith Harrison



Christmas Craft Fayre

Beautiful handmade crafts including Christmas decorations,

arrangements, giftware, painted china, Christmas tea cosies and a stunning range of Christmas Crackers.

Everything you need for your festive celebrations.

Drop in and see Marion at Rosebank, 72a Small Lode,

Upwell, PE14 9BG.

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November - 10am to 4pm.

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Upwell Village Hall - The Next 150 Years



Having successfully reached 150 years of age the Village Hall finds itself at a crossroads in considering its next 150 years and how best to serve the village and wider parish. It would seem that with large new Village Halls and the addition of exciting new play equipment in neighbouring villages Upwell has been left behind in it's own development despite the ever growing Upwell community. Completion of the recent renovation works on the Committee Room has provided us with an enviable facility which is testament to the hard work of those involved but equally it has also identified the ageing condition and shortcomings in other areas of the hall.

In deliberating our next steps it seemed that we were shooting short of the mark and that a simple re-decoration would be far from what was needed to ensure that the Hall best met the needs of Upwell. Instead of settling for what we have, we set-about the task of determining what we'd like and broadened those aspirations to include the Playing Field so as to develop a co-ordinated plan for the future. Following a number of joint meetings between Upwell Village Hall and Playing Field Committees we're pleased and excited to be able to share with you our initial ideas which include:

- A new entrance lobby to the Village Hall
- New side extension to the Village Hall providing an additional space which can be operated in conjunction with or separate from the existing main hall.

- Sustainable energy solution for the Village Hall providing economic heating and hot water.
- •The re-location of the bar area and refurbishment of the existing Hall.
- •Improved and extended parking facilities.
- •An external landscaped area linked directly to the Village Hall.
- •Completion of the playing field changing rooms.
- •A Mixed Use Games Area (MUGA) for the playing field providing playing surface for sports including Netball, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton, Football and many others.
- •Re-construction of the Skate Park on the playing field.

Having developed our ideas into visualisations and drawings we're now eager to share and embellish these proposals to a point where we can begin to develop budgets and prepare the road for obtaining funding. We're eager to get everyone's thoughts on our proposals and would welcome feedback and assistance in delivering this exciting prospect.

We don't have all the answers yet but we do have an idea and we are committed to its delivery and hope that with the addition of your ideas and assistance it'll only be a short while before it becomes a reality.

Please do let us know what you think by contacting either of the committees by email, telephone or by coming along to one of our committee meetings, you'll be very welcome.



Flu Clinics 2018-19

It is that time of the year again and we have the dates of our flu clinics:

Saturday the 22^{nd} September 08:00-11:00Saturday the 29^{th} September 08:00-11:00Saturday the 3^{rd} November 08:00-11:00Saturday the 10th November 08:00-11:00

The clinics are on Saturday mornings again. If you are aged 65 and over or if you are in one of the below at risk groups please telephone the Health Centre and arrange an appointment with reception.

At risk groups

- Anyone 65 or older COPD sufferers
- Asthmatics requiring inhaled steroids
- Children who have previously been admitted to hospital with a lower respiratory tract infection
- People suffering from chronic heart disease such as angina, previous heart attack, heart failure or atrial fibrillation.
- People with chronic kidney or liver disease

- People who have had a stroke or mini stroke or who suffer from a chronic neurological disease such as MS.
- All Diabetics Anyone whose immune system is suppressed either due to ill health or medication
- ALL pregnant women
- People without a spleen
- People who are morbidly obese, that is a BMI over 40.

Also if you are in any of these groups you are also highly likely to be eligible for a pneumococcal vaccine to prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. For most people you will only need one injection, however, some will need a booster dose. Ask about his when you attend for your flu injection.

The shingles vaccination is available for anyone aged 70 and who has not previously been vaccinated and people aged 78. For all enquiries please telephone the health centre on 01945 773671

The Patient Participation Group will also be holding their annual raffle so don't forget to bring your purses and wallets for a chance to win one of the many great prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

Upwell Hall News

Unfortunately, due to technical problems I was unable to submit a report in the last newsletter, so a bit of catching up to do. Those of you who use Upwell Hall will know that the Committee Room renovation has been completed & feedback has been very good. It now looks fit for purpose as a modern meeting room, just ideal for those small functions and meetings where the whole hall is too big. The loss of heating caused major problems and frustration requiring substantial investigation just trying to locate the leak. Although the actual leak was never discovered, it was determined through a process of elimination that the pipework in the concrete floor beneath the bar area was the culprit. Thankfully through the efforts of Shelford Heating, they were able to isolate this section of pipework and reinstate the heating to most of the hall. The Hall Committee's thanks and appreciation go out to all hall users for their co-operation and understanding during this difficult time.

Since the last newsletter, we have held yet another successful Yard Sale, blessed with glorious weather for the day; the feedback from the event was good. Again, there were one or two who didn't think they should pay a miserly £5.00 for the event but thankfully they were in the minority. Next year's event has already been scheduled; the date for your diary is Sunday 30th June 2019. Our next event is a Race Night on Saturday 13th Oct, a joint event with Upwell Playing Field & Upwell Bowls Club. Tickets are £5.00 & include a buffet supper. Horses, jockeys & trainers are now on sale from Ros or Charles, who can both be found at the Playing Field car boot sale on a Thursday, or Brian Tweed's Butchers in Town Street. Alternatively, please email Ros on upwellhall@talktalk.net or give her a call on 01945 773604 for more details about this or any other event or Hall enquiry. Don't forget the Craft Fair on Sunday 4th November 10.00 - 4.00 as well as the New Year's Eve dance, with music from Adlib.

Regular Hall user groups range from dog training and ring craft to keep fit, ballroom dancing and needlework, amongst a variety of others. Please also check out the link contained in the Upwell Parish Council website for any updated details.

Upwell Hall celebrates its 150th birthday this year, and thanks to the efforts of Ros, historical documentation almost lost by a previous custodian (Whiting & Partners) was discovered, and saved by Wisbech Library. Although not being allowed to remove them from the Library, Ros has seen the documents & apparently they make for interesting reading. An event to celebrate the Hall's birthday was in the pipeline, but due to lack of input and enthusiasm, this idea to date has sadly not been progressed. However, plans and proposals are afoot to increase and improve the Hall facilities, in a combined funding effort with Upwell Playing Field Committee. Hopefully the proposed plans are in this newsletter, which show an envisaged modern side extension to the main hall, a fresh new entrance and internal improvements, along with a new source of heating. It is proposed in the near future to hold an open day to the public where the plans can be seen and commented on, whilst at the same time comparing them to the existing building. It is hoped that this work, along with improvements and additional facilities at the Playing Field will be grant funded: hence the joint approach by both Committees. The proposed plans for the Hall rely upon co-operation from the Playing Field Committee. These

could be exciting times for the centre of Upwell, if there is enough support.

All village halls nowadays seem to suffer from the same problems, mainly the lack of support from the community, which they rely upon to operate. People seem content to stay at home, with hundreds of TV channels to choose from but nothing to watch! Village Halls are in competition with the modern way we live. It is strange that the more new houses that are built and people move into the village, the fewer people you see around. Village Halls should be thriving with this increase in growth, yet the opposite is happening with most struggling to keep going. Maybe there is a perception that village halls are only for older people or those who have lived in the villages for a long time? It would be nice to see some new faces on the committees; new members and ideas are always welcome. Our meetings are just once a month on the second Thursday at 7.30pm for about 90 minutes and are not exactly formal. Upwell Hall is an old lady, and as such needs more attention than its modern built counterparts. Our hall is full of aged, unique, character which is part of its appeal to hirers, but we do need help to run it. By buying tickets and attending events, you can help to keep it open. If there's an event you'd like to see being put on, have a word with one of the committee members or contact Ros,. If you have something to offer we have favourable hire rates for regular hirers. There are various weekday morning, afternoon and evening hire slots available. Please get involved with any community event or organisation, otherwise Upwell will end up as a dormitory village, if it isn't already! Contact numbers for myself, Ros, Richard & Brian are in the Parish Councillor section of this newsletter. You are always welcome to come to our Hall meeting, no appointment necessary! Cheers

Andrew Harrison (Upwell Hall Chairman)

Committee Members. Richard Melton (Deputy Chairman), Ros Shorting (Manager and Secretary), Amanda Williams (Treasurer), Linda and Brian Carr, Pat Moat and Charles Martin





socks off and showed excellent stage presence and performance skill! Getting up on stage is scary and daunting, even for professionals. Some of our students are only 5 years old and smashed it! We also performed at Beaupre School fete and the Upwell fete. Both were great fun and set new challenges to our students. Our aim at Dance Wize is to offer high quality dance lessons that challenge, inspire and build confidence. If you are interested in joining us please contact: kate@klwdance.co.uk or look us up on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/dancewizewithkate/

Dance Wize

We have had a great year at our dance sessions at Upwell Methodist Church. We have welcomed lots of new students and wished a few good luck as they have moved away. In June we had our annual dance show at the Arts Centre Kings Lynn: all of the students got to perform in two dance numbers in front of a sell-out audience. They all performed their



Luncheon Club - Winter draws closer

It doesn't seem two minutes since the Upwell and Outwell Age Concern Luncheon Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary in May but as I write this it appears that the summer is now slipping away and the Autumn with its shorter days is drawing closer. Time to think about how to spend those damp and dark winter days....

As a relatively new volunteer to the club I enjoy the camaraderie of my fellow helpers and the opportunity to chat with some of our members. During one of our lunches recently I asked some of them how they thought the club benefited them.

What stood out was the feeling that the club was a really important contribution to the village community which enabled those who don't have the opportunity to get out and about very much to meet people of a similar age.

Roma Martin said 'I enjoy the club lunches very much, it's nice to have something to look forward to and get ready for - and the transport allows me to get out, it would be impossible without it. The area is very lucky to have a club like this as there was nothing similar when I lived in other areas and I'd urge anyone thinking about joining to get in touch and come along'

Colin Spicer agreed 'Everyone is very friendly and the companionship is excellent. I thoroughly enjoy both the lunch and the opportunity to chat with others and share our experiences' he said. A thought which was echoed by several of his companions at the table.

The club meets fortnightly and if you think you may like to join us for lunch and an hour or two of friendly companionship just call either Pearl Willcox (01945 773566) or Jackie Scotten (07584 735805) for a little more information.

Go on..... it will brighten those rainy days this coming winter!

Jackie Scotton

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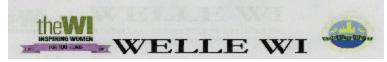
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Right now the hall is hired regularly for

- The Three Holes Bowls Club on Thursday evenings 7pm 9pm
- The Three Holes Auction all day on Fridays
- The Three Holes Prize & Cash Bingo on Saturday evenings, from
 6.30pm
- The Welle Cinema mostly on the second Sunday of each month (doors open 1.30pm) plus extra screenings.

We are always keen to hear from people who would like to get involved and may also be able to help you apply for grant funding to set up a new community group, activity or club. If you would like to chat about your ideas contact Sue on 01945 772824



The Welle W.I. year so far has included a talk on Tarot Reading, talk and presentation on the Fens, The History of Surnames and a talk on Cholera in the Fens during the 19 century. If you missed any of these you missed very interesting and amusing presentations. However, you may have seen our other Speakers who demonstrated: Sugarcraft, Indian Cookery and Makeup, again great fun nights enjoyed by all. Missed these too? Not too late to join in our programme for the rest of the year which will be:

- 3rd September a craft evening
- 1st October our Harvest Supper and programme planning
- 5th November AGM plus supper
- 3rd December Party night with dancing.

As it is 100 years since the Suffragette movement, Welle W.I. are going to Parliament on 3rd September as guests of the local MP which we are expecting to be an interesting and enjoyable

day. If anyone is interested there are a few seats left on the coach at a cost of £22. Give our President a call: Muriel on 07809743805 for details.

Thought of joining a W.I. group but had cold feet? Come with a bunch of friends, or just yourself and make some more friends, as a guest, pay a small fee before making up your mind. The W.I. is what the members make it so if you have an event, outing or area you are passionate about, have your say during our programme meeting and we will see if we can accommodate your idea.

We are a friendly bunch with offshoots of different clubs including a Friday walking group, Ladies that Lunch and a Gin night, but we can always fit in more! Come and give us a try the **first Monday in the month at Upwell Village Hall for 7.30pm**. Look forward to seeing you there.

Edna Hollands





at Three Holes Village Hall Sunday 9th September, 2pm: FINDING YOUR FEET (12) 109 mins

British comedy drama about Sandra, a posh woman, reassessing her life after her marriage breaks down and she moves in with her bohemian sister. The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial-dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly gets dragged along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet. "This is a frisky charmer of a movie, with a stunning final image that will leave you cheering." With Timothy Spall, Imelda Staunton and Joanna Lumley.

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Sunday 14th October, 2pm: film to be confirmed.

Sunday 4th November, 2pm: DARKEST HOUR (PG) 114 mins

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Fire & Rescue News

Earlier this week I performed a vital Home Fire Risk check in our community, for an elderly gentleman who lived alone. It turned out that this person was without vital day to day basics that we all take for granted. He was unable to look after himself generally, but also not able to let anyone know. He was extremely vulnerable. Thankfully as a result of that one visit he is now able to receive the help he needs each and every day. Do you know anyone who needs help? If so please do not let them suffer in silence. Call 0344 800 8020 – Adult Community Services who can provide immediate help - Safeguarding Adults. Thank you for your help.

July set a 'new high' in the amount of incidents we attended at Outwell in as long as I can remember. Between us we attended well in excess of 30 separate incidents, several of these on more than one occasion. As you might expect the majority of these were large Fires in the Open, some, accidental ignition. But the majority of were situations that could have been avoided. Thankfully this wetter weather has helped reduce call outs. I would like to personally thank my crew and their families for their continued efforts and support during this extremely busy time helping those in our community stay safe.

Last night we attended a large scale training scenario at Wissington Sugar Beet Factory, to help prepare us should anything similar happen in the future. This enabled all crew to gain vital experience in unfamiliar situations wearing Breathing Apparatus in search and rescue procedures. All crews worked extremely hard and made it a good night.

Next week I shall be attending a two day Breathing Apparatus course, at our site in Coltishall refreshing my skills in real fire situations on how to effectively put the 'wet stuff onto the hot stuff' On the 10th of September FF Smith commences her BA training by starting her two week Initial Course, at the same site I will be at next week. This will provide her with all the skills to become another BA wearer within our crew. I wish her every success.

FF Fox-Noble has just started his driver training in our appliance. So whilst he progresses prior to attending and hopefully passing his LGV course in the coming months you will see us out locally with 'L' plates on so he can gain vital experience.

Watch Manager Glen Gates





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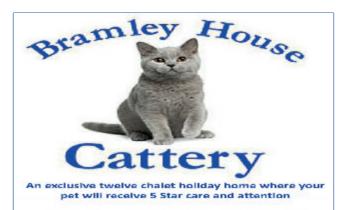
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