



# Community Magazine

## VILLAGE WALKS AND OFF-ROAD ROUTES FOR HORSE RIDERS

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It's no surprise that lockdown created a great deal of interest in the local walks and many have been well used in recent months. Council have decided to be more proactive about cutting and maintenance and to this end have employed a contractor. All the Public Rights of Way have recently been cut and should be accessible – although nobody can stop the grass (and weeds) growing! To find your way around, for those not familiar with the network, the map on the wall of the Five Bells is a good starting point and there is description of the walks on the map that can be seen on the new Parish Council website <https://upwellvillagehall.co.uk/upwell-walks> (This is the very new village hall website and is still being developed - at the time of writing not yet complete -ed.)

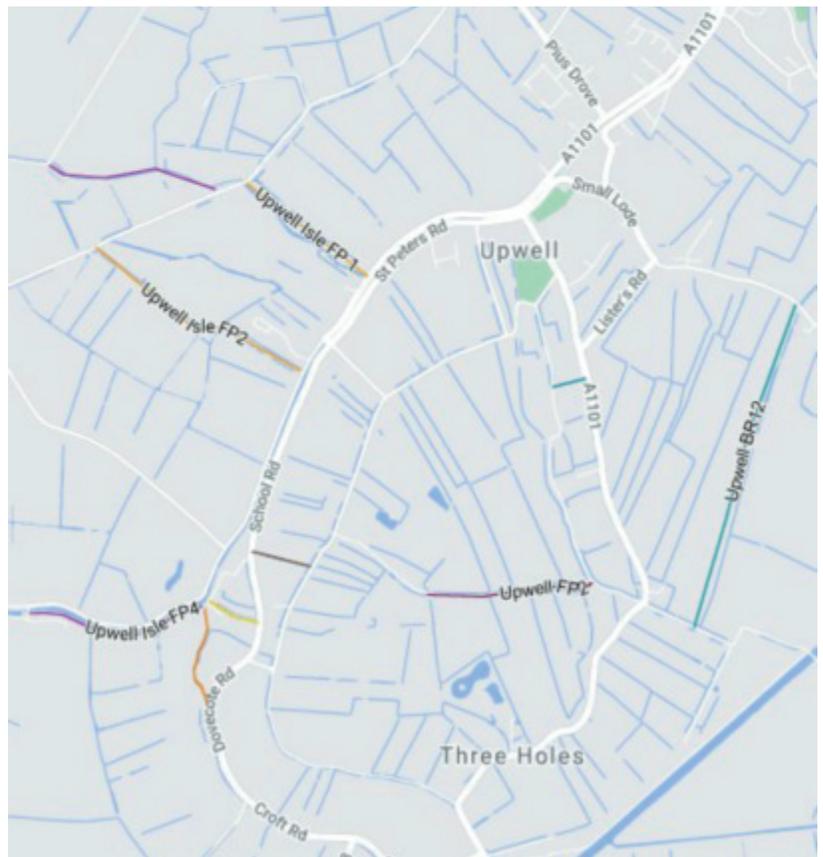


Otherwise, this link takes you to the NCC map, which also might be useful if you are going further afield over the summer: <http://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/> On the NCC map there are 3 more tracks that can be found that are not on the Parish Walks site. These can be used on two feet or four and have recently been waymarked.

There are two allotment roadways almost opposite and either side of Marmont Priory Lock leading from March Riverside to Thurlands Drive, by permission of Norfolk County Farms and with agreement from their

tenants. An advantage of these tracks is to avoid the blind bends on March Riverside. The third is Holly Tree Lane, which runs from opposite Lode Farm on Small Lode to the junction of Chalk Road. Open to walkers and riders, there is a waymarker post at the Lode Farm end and this track conveniently links up with the bridleway there that runs through to Bardyke Bank or via Tointons Road across to Green Road. Farmers greatest concern is loose dogs and dog foul. Please keep dogs on leads and do not allow them to foul. Dog foul in a crop can make it unfit for use. There are also penalties for anyone found to be allowing their animal to foul – anywhere. There has been a local prosecution recently.

**Prue Lester**





## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Summer is upon us, although at the time of writing it seems like it may have finished last week!**

Sadly since the last edition of the magazine **Meggan Mercer** has resigned from the Parish Council. I was very sorry to lose Meggan from the council, as our youngest councillor she brought a different fresh perspective to our discussions and she was also excellent reorganising our website. She will be hard to replace and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for all her

efforts over the last two years, she is already being missed. As a result of Meggan’s resignation a casual vacancy was advertised and more than ten parishioners indicated they would like to see an election called to replace her. We have a date for that **election, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The closing date for applications has passed and I believe there are two candidates. The powers and influence of parish councils is limited but they can do considerable good for the community if people with a genuine care for, and an interest in, the local community get involved.

On the same day there will also be a **local referendum** to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan that this council has put together. There is an article about this elsewhere in the magazine so I won’t say much about it here other than the plan was informed by the feedback you gave the council when they asked you for your views a few years ago.

Congratulations to **Melanie Hilton**, our Parish Clerk. She has been working hard to gain her CilCa qualification which she

has now achieved; this is a commendable effort as it is by no means an easy qualification to obtain and I know has involved her in a lot of extra work, well done Melanie. Now we have a clerk with that qualification we qualify to get what is known as a “General Power of Competence”. This is a significant power and will enable the council to do a range of things previously we were barred from doing. As we learn more about this I will share with you what we intend to do.

As I mentioned in the previous magazine we have started supplementing what the County Council does to keep **public footpaths** passable. I hope you have noticed the improvement in several of the paths. There is also better signage now and a new path is being signed between March Riverside, near the lock, and Thurlands Drove, this isn’t an official public footpath but the land owners have agreed to having the path signed and used.

The **Welle Tidy** group are doing great things reducing the litter in the parish and I am sure we are all grateful for their efforts; but you don’t have to be a member to do your bit for the local environment. Pick up any litter you see around you as you walk through the village. If you have a dog make sure you pick up its poo: Upwell Parish has 12 dog waste bins located around the parish so there is no real excuse not to use them.

Finally, I wanted to congratulate **Upwell Town FC** on winning the Norfolk Primary Cup beating Watlington 3-2 in Norwich. It is great to see the playing field being used by a football team again and to see the pavilion finished with the beautiful tar mac surface running up to it. It would be grate if the **cricket team** could start again, the facilities are there, anyone out there keen to give it a go?

**Dr Paul Williams**

## Blunt Trust Summer 2021 Update

It has been a quiet few months for the Blunt Trust. We have received several enquiries about potential grants and one educational support grant application has been received. The local scout group are also being encouraged to apply for some support following their initial approach.

The big news of the moment is we now have an active web page:

**<https://theblunttrust.com>**

Please type this into your browser and have a look; it looks best on a screen larger than that on your phone. The site has information about the trust, the nature walk and how to apply for grants. Remember the trust is exclusively for the benefit of the people of Upwell.

We have registered the charity with Amazon Smile. Anyone who uses Amazon can go to the Amazon Smile interface and register a charity which will receive a donation from Amazon whenever you spend money on the site. If you haven’t already registered to support a charity on the site and would like to support the trust to help us maintain the Nature Walk,

why not go to the Smile page and register our charity. On the Amazon system it is called “**The Blunt Family Charity**”. Whenever you buy anything on Amazon, provided you access the online retailer through the Smile page, a small contribution will come our way.

The nature walk is looking much greener and we would be much more advanced with the facilities we want to install if it wasn’t for the supply problems we have encountered with various materials. We have started putting gate furniture on the gates at either end and we are about to have constructed our educational centre in the orchard. This will be a three-sided building with display boards inside and an area for children to sit and learn. We will be encouraging local schools and playgroups etc to come down and use the nature walk and educational centre to help teach local children about nature, ecology and even perhaps a little local history. There are two picnic tables which we hope to have installed this summer too. The raised bank around the hollow we use for burning has been seeded and has a good growth of grass

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## Blunt Trust Summer 2021 Update continued

coming on it, the area around this has also had wild flower seeds scattered and we hope the area will look lovely in the not too distant future.

**We will be having our first AGM later this year, Covid restrictions allowing. Tony Davies' term as trustee is up this year. He has indicated he will not be seeking re-election. Sadly Haidee Norman has also decided to step down due to the pressure of work not giving her the time to commit to the trust she would like. There will therefore be two trustee posts that need filling.**

**If you are interested in becoming a trustee please email us on:**

[bluntfamilytrust2019@gmail.com](mailto:bluntfamilytrust2019@gmail.com)

**or pop a letter through my door (116 Town Street).**

If you have applied before please don't let that put you off having another go; the Blunt Family Nature walk is proving a very popular amenity for the village and we will welcome anyone who wishes to become a trustee to help develop it and help support people and organisations in our community.

**The AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at Upwell Hall.**

Everyone is welcome to attend and I will put more information on local websites nearer the time

**Dr Paul Williams**

## Well Creek moorings & fishing platforms

Now that 'no mow May' has passed, the Middle Level Commissioners, who are responsible for navigation of the Well Creek, have cut the banks. Once this is done it is more apparent just how many boat moorings and fishing platforms have been created over the years. Some of the earlier ones are in a very bad state of repair. Newer moorings are more substantial and are built mainly to MLC approved specifications. **It is worth noting that moorings along the Well Creek need Borough Council Planning Approval as well as MLC approval.** MLC will advise as to the type and size of platforms/moorings permitted.

When the banks are cut, the MLC are not responsible for strimming around the moorings and access steps; this is the responsibility of the owner (usually the home owner directly opposite a mooring with Riparian Ownership Rights). The tidiness of the banks and overall amenity is very often let down by those un-maintained moorings:- the Parish Council as well as residents would like to encourage owners to maintain their moorings: whether it is one you have had installed, or inherited as the result of buying an adjacent property. Likewise, if your mooring is falling into disrepair, it is advisable to have the structure removed if it is no longer required rather than create a hazard for future bank cutting and/or people. It is thought one of the expensive flail mowers used by the MLC received damage due to a bike being left on the bank and not being visible to the operative. This could also happen if a derelict mooring is overgrown. Comments from people who move into the village often reflect how pretty the Well Creek is; please help enhance this village asset by maintaining moorings, fishing platforms, & perhaps even giving those boats that never move a clean too.

**Andrew Harrison**

## Upwell and Outwell Age Concern Luncheon Club Charity No: 1082825



At long last the committee have been able to set a date for a very belated VE Day Celebration Afternoon Tea. Members have 10<sup>th</sup> August in their diaries, the bunting is being dusted off and we are all looking forward to a fabulous afternoon.

We also have our fingers crossed that our plans to restart Luncheon Club can finally move forward. It will be lovely to see old friends, but just as nice to meet new ones so if you are free on Tuesdays and would like to know a little more don't hesitate to get in touch. The club welcomes anyone of pensionable age who would like to come along and enjoy a hot two -course lunch (provided at cost), together with the chance to have a chat and relax with others in a similar age range.

Some of our members have difficulty with their mobility so, if needed, we can arrange transport to and from the club using a minibus suitable for those using walking aids and wheelchair users.

We understand that it can sometimes be very difficult to take that first step and go somewhere new so some of our helpers have offered to visit (in a totally Covid secure way of course) anyone thinking of joining us, perhaps to enjoy a cuppa and a chat so that there is a familiar face to welcome them or even perhaps bring them along to club on that first time.

If you are interested in knowing a little more before making a decision, please telephone me on 07584 735805 or

Pearl Willcox, our chairman, on 01945 773566.

We would love to see you there.

**Jackie Scotten**



**SCAM ALERT**  
**Covid digital passport scam** June 2021

**A new email scam about Covid is circulating and we want to advise you what it looks like and what steps you can take.**

**Your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.**

You may receive an email which looks similar to the one shown. Clicking on the link takes you to a convincing but fake NHS website that asks for personal and payment details. (for an admin fee).

The website has since been taken down, however, as with many scams of this nature, there will be others.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website;  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

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**[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)**

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CID no: 1123349



## Upwell Hall News



**Well it's finally here... The Upwell Village Hall website has launched.**

I had been asked to create a website for the Upwell Village Hall to bring it in to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to make it a little more accessible for all to use.

Now we are starting to

come out of the lockdown and things begin to ease a little, the Upwell Village Hall has also started to open back up and become a part of the community again.

An idea dreamt up during the lockdown was - wouldn't it be great if the community of Upwell could be kept a little more up to date with events that are currently happening and about to happen to the Hall and the local community - without leaving their homes and reading the notice board outside the Hall itself.

So here we are, the website is now available to all...

Visit the website at [www.upwellvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.upwellvillagehall.co.uk) and you will see the home page, in which you can navigate your way around the site...

First thing you will notice is the Hall logo. This logo was the result of local school competition some time ago and is still used and in pride of place today.

There is a countdown clock for local events and is currently counting down to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Upwell Village Yard Sale.

You will find a few notes on the History of the Hall. What's On, How to Hire the Hall, Local News and a donation page, should you wish to contribute.

There is an Events page with an online directory, so you never miss a class or meeting again,

A list of regular meets and clubs and more importantly the organisers contact details so YOU can get involved.

A Community and Volunteering page give's you a little glance of what else is going on in the area and how you can get involved.

And finally, a Useful Numbers page – Emergency numbers, should you need them and a couple of links to other sites, like the Parish Council website etc...

We have been up and running for just under a month and we have already had over 350 visitors and more people are using it every day.

So, head over to the website and check it out for yourself, and don't forget to bookmark it so you

can find it in a hurry or use your smart phone / tablet to scan our QR code and it will take you there directly.

**Rob Shaw- Upwell Village Hall Committee Member**





## Green Fingers Gardening Club

As I write it is the first week in June; the start of meteorological summer. The Sun is shining and it is warm outside. At last garden plants are beginning to flourish. We are still in Lockdown 3.0 so Green Fingers meetings have not recommenced. Nevertheless, several of us managed to visit a garden near Chatteris, which operates as part as the National Garden Scheme (often referred to as the 'Yellow Book' as that is the colour of the booklet that contains the details). These are private gardens that open on selected dates or by appointment. The Club had booked two afternoon visits so that members could attend in small groups. It was just after May 17th, when the overdue April showers were appearing but the outside temperature was bearable. The garden did not disappoint with many areas of interest including alpine beds, herbaceous borders, a veg patch, a bog area, a pond, rose arch plus a lookout tower from which we could see Ely Cathedral. There was a rain shower but we were able to duck inside the conservatory for

tea & cake and to admire the many Amaryllis that were all in bloom. It was nice to be back in company, talking about gardening with like-minded folk. The Committee met recently and have set the date of Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> (the Autumn Equinox) for our first 'back in the room' meeting - Government guidelines permitting! Before then, three garden gatherings are planned; two are for members only but the third is an Open Garden event to be held on the afternoon of **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. Please see the advert below for more details. If anyone is interested in joining as a member you can phone our Chairwoman, Susie, on 01945 773576 who will give you details. Once again, we were unable to gather at Upwell War Memorial to commemorate VE Day. Fortunately, the Malus 'Royalty' crab apple tree which the Club bought to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is thriving. Susie has taken a couple of photos of the tree which she managed to have planted there last autumn. For now, we have summer ahead of us with the delights of bedding, hanging baskets, lilies, roses and even flowering grasses to enjoy (unless you suffer from hayfever). Keep thinking 'Hands, Face, Space' and include fresh air - it's good for plants and good for us.



The VE commemorative tree  
(Left and below)



### Open Garden in Upwell

Saturday 10th July, 2pm to 5pm

Rosebank, 72a Small Lode, Upwell PE14 9BG

Come and experience Marion's beautiful garden (pics above and left by S Short), in association with Green Fingers Gardening Club.

Plants, crafts and refreshments for sale, with proceeds going to charity.

## NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS DAWSON

In May 2021 we had a flurry of local elections and Chris Dawson was elected to represent Marshland South in the Norfolk local elections. So we wanted to get to know a bit more about him....

Chris and his family have been associated with and lived in Emneth for over 50 years and he refers to himself as a 'Bowthorpe baby'. He attended the old infant school in the village and then onto Primary school, later attending the old Downham Market Grammar School.

He had been interested in politics and local politics for some time and became involved with the local Conservative Association, so getting further involved felt like a natural progression. Chris thinks that anyone putting themselves up for election, at whatever level, seeks to make a difference and given that Norfolk in the main is a Conservative county, he knew that the collective support would be there to provide a sound platform to make that difference.

Chris is now on two significant committees and he hopes to have additional profile to drive plans forward to

progress a broad examination of the Wash Road closures at Welney and to then focus similar resource to bank slippage matters on the Welle Creek. In addition Chris is looking to support any investment possible in the West of the county, particularly in support of business. He is also keen to explore more open access, pathways and the establishment of public areas incorporating a close association with ecology.

So Chris is going to be pretty busy but when time allows does like walking and gardening but his favourite activity is time with his grandchildren.

And on a lighter note he was asked the following:

*Who is your favourite music artiste/band? – I have eclectic tastes!*

*Favourite foods? - I have been trying to focus on healthy foods for a while, however it is hard to beat a great English 'Fry-Up' when you fancy it now and again.*

*If you could visit anywhere, where would that be? - The older I get, the less I feel the need to leave Norfolk!*

**Christine Aston**

## What is a Parish Council in England?

Probably most think of something along the lines of 'The Vicar of Dibley' when a parish council springs to mind! And although it can have its lighter moments, as a rule we do not have to suffer lemon curd with marmite sandwiches! A Parish Council's duties are in general considerably more complex.

In medieval times the 'Feudal System' that flourished had more to do with military obligations which existed among the nobility. It all revolved around three key concepts of 'Lords, Vassals and Fiefs'! William the Conqueror introduced a stricter system which incorporated oaths of loyalty to the Monarch.

Thankfully, these days we have dispensed with the three concepts.

First formed under a Government Act in 1894, a parish council is a civil local authority of local government with variable tax raising powers and are responsible for areas known as civil parishes. It is the level of government closest to the community, with borough and county authorities above it in the hierarchy. The Parish Council is apolitical and councillors do not represent any political parties.

The responsibilities of a parish council are varied but can cover public health, public markets, street lighting, building regulations, footpaths, cemeteries, developing and reviewing council policy, as well as providing a focus for the local community to identify concerns and projects, and endeavour to solve them locally. On their own, parish councils have limited powers to make some decisions. However they do have ability to negotiate with and power to influence other organisations and higher councils that

do make the final decisions. In this respect, parish councils are very powerful.

A Parish council is responsible for managing their own budget and is financed through the precept, which is an amount of money calculated as an estimate for the coming year and collected as part of your council tax. Parish councils can also apply for other funding such as grants and awards for certain projects.

Councillors are unpaid and elected to serve for four years. If a (casual) vacancy occurs and a minimum 10 residents on the electoral roll call for an election, this would be held at a cost of circa £2,000 to the Parish. To be considered for election you need to have occupied land or other premises for the previous 12 months or work in the parish or live within three miles of the parish boundary. Councillors can be co-opted which requires the candidate to write a brief resume and attend a meeting for an interview. The councillors will then take a vote and appoint the most suitable candidate.

As well as attending monthly meetings, Upwell Parish Councillors will be expected to partake in sub-committee groups covering local areas such as the cemetery, the war memorial, footpaths, health & safety, highways to name a few and sometimes make site visits if deemed appropriate. In addition, on-going training on a variety of subjects is actively encouraged and sometimes expected.

All current councillors contact details are shown on the Parish Council website as well as in this Community Magazine.

**Christine Aston**

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Upwell Parish Council

## To Rent Garden Allotments

The Parish Council has a number of  
garden allotments to rent on its  
Stonehouse Road site.

Call for more information

Parish Clerk, Melanie Hilton: 07368 420237



## UPWELL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

New Road, Upwell Wisbech Cambs PE14 9AB.

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As I write this report Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, we have our first **Horse and Pony Show** looming on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. This was due to be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> - thanks to good old British Weather it was postponed. A large turnout is expected, all pre-booked and paid. Our judge for in-hand is Mr. Steve Board and ridden judge is Janice Willow Osborne. This will follow with another show on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Then for the first time on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July we will be holding a **Heavy Horse show only**. First class 10am. The show will include four breeds of heavy horse: **Shire, Clydesdale, Percheron and Suffolk**; judges for the day Mr. David Curtis and Ms. Emma Scotney. Please do come along and look at these lovely horses - some on the endangered list of breeds.

**Car boot sales** are going very well; we have had the odd Thursday rained off since we started on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Some days as many as 40 – 50 sellers attended, which all helps to maintain Upwell Playing Field. Sellers 8am, buyers 9am, £5.00 per pitch; nothing alive or dead and NO ALCOHOL, plenty of space.

Hopefully, we will have held our **weekend event** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July – all depends on licensing! A report next issue.

Now for the exciting news – in their first season **Upwell Town football club under the managership of Alex Lynn have won the Norfolk Primary Cup** on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the FDC Ground Norwich beating Watlington Sports and Social Club 3 – 2. Having beaten Gayton Reserves in the semi-finals at Upwell 4 – 1. Congratulations guys.

We – that is Upwell Town will also have a reserve team next season managed by John Rowe: for further details

ring 07980892179. An inquiry has also been received regarding an U16 team. Sponsored by Robinsons Transport, Farms and Storage Ltd.,

We, as many committees locally, are **looking for new members**. If you have recently moved to the village and want to join in village life, get to know people, have young children, teenagers who frequent the playing field – join us, our meetings are usually once a month on variable evenings at the pavilion (more recently outside in the sunshine) starting at 7.30pm where we discuss future events, maintenance etc. All we ask is that you are occasionally available to help with various events and enjoy good banter whilst helping the community.

Please enjoy the field's open space. We will shortly be having some new litter bins that will be placed around the field all brightly coloured! All **playground signs** will be renewed in the future with additions including NO bicycles/scooters. NO football in the children's play area.

Our car park is almost finished but due to material supplies, lining is not quite complete as I write. **All that we ask is that you do not park immediately behind the disabled bays or in them unless displaying a BLUE BADGE**. Please use white bays as marked or large gravel car park.

**Committee:** Ros. Shorting Mark Elliott, John Spikings, Nigel Carter, Pat Moat, Liz Thorpe, Pip Read, Steph Thorpe, Liz Ferris, Christine Bidwell.

**Ros Shorting**

Upwell Parish Council

**To Rent  
Garden Allotments**

The Parish Council has a number of garden allotments to rent on its Stonehouse Road site.

Parish Clerk, Melanie Hilton: 07368 420237

Call for more information

**Garden Allotment plots in Stone House Road are £10.00 for a single plot & £20.00 for a double plot, with £50.00/£100.00 deposit payable, refundable upon the plots being vacated and left in a clean and tidy condition with no paraphernalia left on site.**

**There are no vacant plots at present, but interested people can add their name to a waiting list. Upwell Parishioners have first pick, but we do have tenants from Outwell and Emneth**

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

- The river Amazon has more than a thousand tributaries
- All Polar Bears are left handed
- There are four thousand different types of knot
- According to an age old custom, carrying a dead shrew in your pocket wards off rheumatism
- Lord Nelson suffered from seasickness all his life



**Missing social contact? Come and see what the local Woman's Institute is about.**

**We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Upwell Village Hall.**

We are an interesting lot all ready for a good chat and refreshment with a Speaker or a craft idea to listen to or try. Come and see for yourself and join in the fun. The W.I. Federation is currently celebrating its 100 years and some of the W.I.'s have yarn bombed various parts of their towns/villages in celebration. Upwell W.I. knitted, crochet or sewed various flowers (and flower pots) with corresponding worms and insects; along

with a banner, all placed over the bridge railings by St. Peter's Church in Upwell. I am sure you must have seen it whilst travelling around the village. If not, some pictures are here showing our members' creativity. Fancy joining in and meeting friends and having fun? Contact our Secretary **Janet Roden** on **01945 774565** or email [welle.wi@outlook.com](mailto:welle.wi@outlook.com) for further information.

**Bye for now.  
Edna Hollands**



# NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

## Referendum on the adoption of the Upwell

### Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1. The referendum will take place on **Thursday 22 July 2021** to decide on the question below:  
**‘Do you want the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Upwell Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’**
2. The last date for registering to vote in respect of the Neighbourhood Planning Referendum is **Tuesday 6 July 2021**.
3. New postal vote (including proxies applying to vote by post) applications, changes or cancellations to existing postal, postal proxy or proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at King’s Court, Chapel Street, King’s Lynn PE30 1EX by **5 pm on Wednesday 7 July 2021**.
4. New applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy) at this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at King’s Court, Chapel Street, King’s Lynn PE30 1EX by **5 pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021**.
5. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this referendum on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at King’s Court, Chapel Street, King’s Lynn PE30 1EX by **5 pm on Thursday 22 July 2021**. The physical incapacity must have occurred after **5 pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021**. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5 pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021**.

Dated: Thursday 17 June 2021  
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## FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPWELL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at Local Government Elections Polling Stations at the Lakesend, Three Holes and Upwell village halls.

The Information Pack, which contains the full suite of documents, can be found on the Borough Council website:

[https://west-norfolk-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/neighbourhood\\_plan/neighbourhood\\_plan\\_consultations/upwell\\_npconsultation/upwell\\_npconsult?tab=files](https://west-norfolk-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/neighbourhood_plan/neighbourhood_plan_consultations/upwell_npconsultation/upwell_npconsult?tab=files)

*The documents include:*

- *The draft Upwell Neighbourhood Plan*
- *Report of the Independent Examiner*
- *Summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner*
- *Statement by the Local Planning Authority that the Draft Plan meets the basic conditions*
- *A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood, the Referendum*
- *The Decision Statement*

Hard copies of these can be inspected at The Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, King’s Court, Chapel Street KING’S LYNN PE30 1EX Opening times: 9am-5pm Monday – Thursday; 9am-4.45pm on a Friday. Tel: 01553 616200. They can also be inspected, by appointment with the Parish Clerk, Melanie Hilton. Tel: 07386 420237.

A hard copy of the Neighbourhood Plan itself and the Information for Voters (extracted from the Information Pack) can be inspected by appointment with Cllr. Sue Lowe, tel: 01945 772824 and with me, tel: 01945 772234.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

King's Lynn and West Norfolk

### Election of Parish Councillors

For the Parishes listed below

Parish Wards	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Brancaster (Brancaster Ward)	One
Thornham	One
Upwell	One

- Forms of nomination may be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council or from the Returning Officer, King's Court, Chapel Street, KING'S LYNN, PE30 1EX who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
- Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX on any day after the date of this notice, during normal office hours but no later than **4 pm on Friday, 25th June 2021**. Given the restrictions associated with Covid-19, **it will be necessary for candidates to make an appointment** with the Returning Officer in order that their nomination can be handed in by this deadline. Any request for an appointment should be made via email at: [elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk) or telephone **01553 616773**.
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Dated: Thursday 17 June 2021

Lorraine Gore  
Returning Officer



This academic year has continued with twists and turns, awaiting government decisions before being able to make plans within school. The restrictions in place have sadly meant that trips have not taken place or sporting

events with other schools. I hope very much that September will bring a greater degree of normality to us all.

Once again I am reminded how lucky I am to work at Upwell Academy. These difficult times have made us a stronger team and I include children, staff, parents and carers in this. We also have such a wonderful environment on our doorstep and I know many of you have enjoyed watching the new families on the water, and being amazed at how quickly the cygnets have grown. One morning a parent appeared at the school gate with a duckling in her hands, rescued from the road. It is heart-warming to know that we live and/or work in such a kind and caring community.



Thank you to FOSA for our fabulous new buddies, which I am sure in time will be named by the children. The message is simple.....keep our children safe by parking sensibly.

Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying the Science topic on SPACE this term! We have followed Bob, the astronaut to the moon! We recently discovered an alien spacecraft had landed on the school site and they were cautious not to disturb it, asking some very inquisitive questions about who or what might have been onboard. During our English lessons and our playtimes and lunchtimes we have continued to



investigate the scene, searching for clues and investigating the evidence!

In Year 3 the children have been thinking about **individuality**, what makes us different and that it is good to be an individual. They designed some amazing T shirts to promote the message of 'Be who you want to be'. Well done Year 3, a great message to spread.



On Friday 25th June, Year 5 took part in a **Virtual CSI** themed introduction day arranged by Downham Market Academy. We had to solve the case of the stolen calculators! Firstly, we had to hunt for clues and infer what they could tell us. Then, we used chromatography to identify the suspect's pen colour. We then had to narrow down the suspects further using their height and shoe size to create a line graph. Finally, we had to decide who we thought was the culprit and write our reports. A great day was had all by and a big thank you to Downham Market Academy for organising this day for us.

**Haidee Norman – Principal at Upwell Academy**  
[office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk) 01945 773220

June 2021

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which island in the east of the Caribbean Sea is the only country in the World named after a woman?
2. What was found buried at Sutton Hoo in 1939?
3. Where do Bees carry the pollen they collect?
4. What type of students take the Hippocratic oath?
5. What is the westernmost point of England?
6. What is a young Turkey called?
7. Who designed St Paul's Cathedral?
8. Who wrote *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* ?
9. Which American prison was located in San Francisco Bay?
10. Which Anglo-Saxon leader of a revolt against William the Conqueror took refuge on the Isle of Ely?
11. Which metal has the symbol Au?
12. What can be a box or part of the body?
13. What is the highest adult female singing voice?
14. What is the largest city in the Canary Islands?
15. Prince Charles is the Duke of which English county?
16. How many players are there in a baseball team?
17. What is the name of the Spanish soup, served cold?
18. In which State of the USA is the city of Detroit?
19. In which city is the Trevi Fountain?
20. What was the name of the dog in the Wizard of Oz?
21. Which swimming stroke is named after an insect?
22. What sort of creature is a Corncrake?
23. What is the capital of Bermuda?
24. How many years of marriage are indicated by a China wedding anniversary?
25. What is the collective word for a group of foxes?

Answers on page 16

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## Outwell Fire Station - Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service

I hope this update finds you and your loved ones all fit, well and enjoying the start of our new found freedom during these lovely summer months, compared to that of the last 12 months or so.

You may have seen our appliance and crew out and about a lot more in recent weeks responding to emergency calls. Even though there is still some work to do to sustain 90% plus availability, we are now able to get considerably close. Because of this we have been able to respond to what would be our normal amount of emergency calls, helping those when they need it.

As a station we have attended a variation of incidents including RTCs, Out of control Fires In The Open, Building Fires as well as others including assisting other agencies gaining entry for the ambulance service.

Crew moral is back up now we are able to resume more training and attend courses that had been previously cancelled.

In the last month **FF's Jason Kent and Rowan Fox-Noble** have both passed their Initial Incident Command Course, their first step in becoming Incident Commanders. They have been the first students to attend a new format for this qualification, and have both worked hard to achieve this first step in preparation for their Operational Safety Critical Assessments (OSCA), practicals and writtens. Well done guys, you both deserve what you have achieved.

**FF Ben Lanchester** has been successful in passing his Gateway 1 Practical Assessments, which is the first step for him becoming a competent firefighter. Well done Ben, keep up the good work.

**FF's Keith Game and Ollie Skeels** will be attending their Gateway 2 Practical Assessments in the next few weeks, which will hopefully enable them both to be signed off as competent Firefighters.

**FF Duncan Perham** has this week attended his Breathing Apparatus in Structural Firefighting Course (BASF). This is refresher training as well as being assessed in real fire scenarios whilst wearing BA, at our Coltishall training centre.

Since my last report **FF Daniel Suckling** has studied for, attended and passed his

Intermediate Emergency Care Course, which trains us to be able to medically treat and preserve life in emergency situations. Well done Dan.

**FF's Duncan Perham, Keith Game and Daniel Suckling** are all now at varying stages of their fire appliance driver training, either preparing for their LGV Course, or their Emergency Fire Appliance Driver Course (EFAD), which teaches them road craft skills to be able to respond to incidents with blues and twos on.

At stated previously, we currently have a crew of eleven. We have just carried out some interviews. **Stacey Newman** has been successful to be through to the next Point of Entry Selection Tests (POEST), to become our 12th member. This should take place in October.

In recent weeks there have been some serious RTCs on our roads and also bonfires that have got out of control and damaged neighbouring properties. So please stay safe, plan your journeys, allowing plenty of time. Also ensure you have suitable water supplies at hand should any bonfires get out of control. But remember, if in any doubt dial 999 as soon as possible.

At present even though some restrictions are easing, we are still limiting what visitors we have on station to those that are essential, so as to ensure crew safety and appliance availability.

Remember push the button not your luck.

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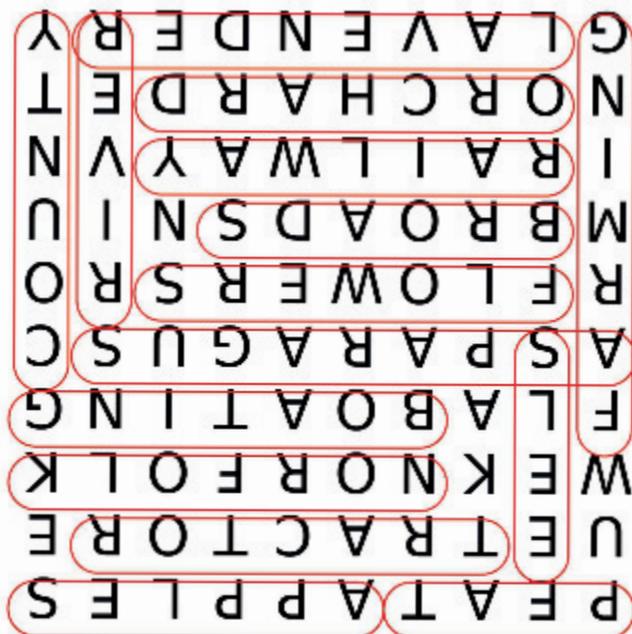


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Summer 2021 QUIZ ANSWERS



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The Three Holes Village Hall & Playing Field Trustee Committee members are crossing their fingers hoping that unrestricted access to activities at the hall will resume from 19<sup>th</sup> July. We are keen to celebrate as we have spruced-up the hall thanks to a grant from Borough Council King's Lynn & West Norfolk, we are planning the re-start of Welle Cinema screenings with the VE Day Celebration delayed from May 2020 (more details elsewhere in this magazine) and, thanks to Norfolk County Council's GoDigital Programme, we will soon have a remote controlled system available for the hall's heating system!! The new Little Sunshines Toddler Group has been able to take place since March but most other activities were on hold.

CONTACT THE TRUSTEES

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**BUT NOW - if Covid rules permit – THINGS CAN RESTART!!**

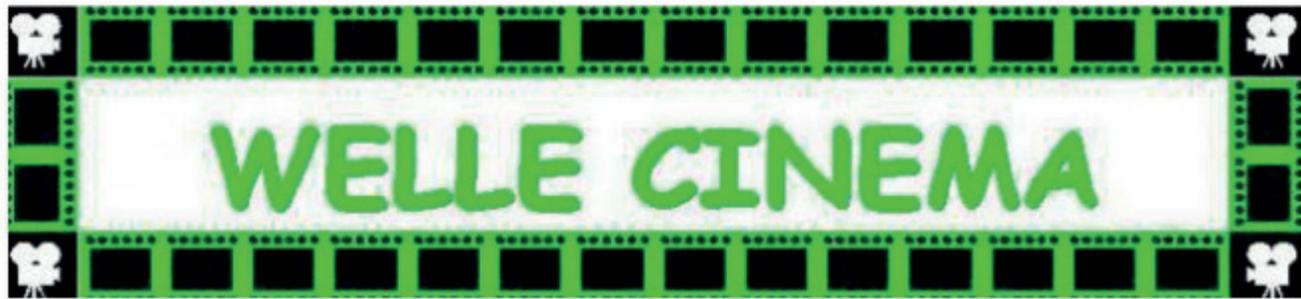
**OPEN MORNING Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10am-12pm with Local History Display**

**& Annual General Meeting** Joins us for a coffee, take a look around the newly decorated hall, see local history photos, tell us your ideas for the hall and playing field. At 11am will be the 160 Club draw and at 11.30am the Annual General Meeting and election of trustees.

**160 CLUB RE-LAUNCH** The 160 Club is one of the main activities to help raise funds to keep the hall and playing field open. It was suspended in March 2020 but we are now re-launching it and tickets are available. Tickets are 12 each for all 12 annual draws. *Draws take place monthly with three prizes of £20. In December only, 1<sup>st</sup> = £150, 2<sup>nd</sup> = £100, 3<sup>rd</sup> = £50. Rules are available from the promoter*

**THE WEEKLY FRIDAY AUCTION AND SATURDAY BINGO are due to restart on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 July.** For more details and to check arrangements nearer the time contact Vik (Auction) 07879 005521 and Dennis (Bingo) 07751 491268

**THREE HOLES SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB is playing again on Thursdays at 7pm.** Due to current Covid restrictions, please phone in advance to book a place – contact Eddie on 01945 773961



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**We are delighted to say that**

**Welle Cinema will be back on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
**(Covid permitting) and also to give a very warm welcome to**  
**Anne Higgins, the new Welle Cinema Co-ordinator .**  
**Anne kindly volunteered to take over the role when Hilary**  
**Ranger moved away from the area.**

To get us restarted, we will be having a double celebration by staging the Older People's VE DAY Event that had been due to take place back in May 2020. Thanks to the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Celebrating VE and VJ Day fund we have been able to carry forward grant funding of £525 to allow us to hold this event close to the date of the formal Japanese surrender - 2 September 1945 – marking the end of the six years of conflict of World War II .



**Look out for more details of the event coming up on 4th September and also information re further screenings planned for 2021. Contact Anne on 07761 584403**

**Lakes End Village Hall**  
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PC 682 Tracey James

#### UPDATE FROM YOUR ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

PC 1070 Lee Anderton



In this month's newsletter I would like to take the time to write and say goodbye to you all as I retire from the Police Service after a career of just over 24 years. I joined Norfolk Constabulary in 1997 after completely nearly 8 years in the Royal Air Force, as it had been a boyhood dream to be a Police Officer and serve the community I lived in.

I have had many different roles during my career and I must say that the last 3 years have rated as one of the best. I have always strongly believed in community policing and the Community Engagement Officer role has been extremely fulfilling and rewarding. As the Engagement Officer I have met with many different people and whilst I have not always been able to deliver the answer to questions some may have wanted, it has always been a honour and a privilege to serve the people of West Norfolk. I wish you all well for the future and I know you will be looked after by my replacement.

#### CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

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#### YOUR NEW ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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Since the beginning of 2021 I have been increasingly taking on more of the Community Engagement Officer role for the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk area as Lee prepared for his retirement. I joined Norfolk Constabulary in 2007 following a twelve year career with the Royal Air Force and have so far always held positions within the Breckland district, having started my career in Thetford before becoming a Beat Manager with the Swaffham Safer Neighbourhood Team. Very much community focused, I became the Breckland Community Engagement Officer three years ago and I am very excited to be taking on the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk district. Some of you may have already met me when I have attended Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meetings, but I am very much looking forward to being able to get out into the communities and meet with you all in person when it is safe to do so.

*Paula*

#### DATE OF NEXT SNAP

**Tuesday 27th July at 7pm** details on whether this meeting will be held virtually or face to face will be published in July.



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Full Council 7.00 p.m.  
August 9th

Lakes End Village Hall

September 13th

October 11th

Three Holes Village Hall

November 8th

December 13th