



Community Magazine

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BLUNT FAMILY TRUST UPDATE

The executors have arranged a meeting in Upwell Village Hall for Saturday 25th March from 10am until 2pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to update everyone on the progress that has been made and arrange to commence the work of the Trust.

All villagers are invited to attend.

It is also hoped that **Maxey Grounds & Co** will be present with details of the development proceeding on the property adjoining and to the rear of St Peters Rd, Upwell.

CWA Academy Trust officially opens Upwell Academy

Upwell Academy has officially opened as the latest primary school to join CWA Academy Trust, on Wednesday 1 March.

The new academy has over 170 students on roll and was graded good by Ofsted in its last inspection in 2013. It becomes the seventh school to convert to academy status as a member of the CWA Academy Trust and will join Nelson Academy, Eastgate Academy and Southery Academy to become the fourth primary phase provision under the Trust umbrella. North Wootton Academy also joined the Trust on 1 March.

Chief executive of CWA Academy Trust Dr Duncan Ramsey and acting principal of the academy Haidee Norman, gathered with staff, students and governors to mark the occasion and admire the new uniform and branding. The new logo reflects the Upwell bridge, located in the centre of the village, symbolising the community spirit of the school. Children will wear a bottle green jumper embroidered with the logo, which is teamed with a white shirt and blue tie. A new physical education uniform is also being introduced.

Acting principal Haidee Norman said: "We have the opportunity to turn our good school,

under the guidance of CWA Academy Trust, into an outstanding one. Recent Ofsted results for other primary schools within the Trust have only confirmed that our decision to join the

Trust was indeed the correct one for our school. Collaboration with schools which have such high expectations and results can only be for the benefit of our children and their learning, and our community. The staff are excited to begin



this new chapter and we look forward to an exciting future."

Chair of governors Alan Culley said: "Everyone in our school community is looking forward to becoming an academy and playing an active role in the CWA Academy Trust's family of primary academies. This increase in the pool of knowledge and skills within the Trust will benefit all of the Trust's academies.

"We are anticipating a period of steady and sustained progress in all aspects of the school's life. Our staff and new leadership team are enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead. We know that this move to academy status ensures that primary education in Upwell has a bright future."



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear All,
Welcome to the spring edition of your community magazine.

Two topics that are constantly raised with me are the Blunt Trust and the Five Bells. From the front page you will have seen there is to be a meeting about the first and before Christmas I was assured that progress is being made on an extensive refit to the 'Bells, which will re-open this year.

By now almost all the new streetlights have been installed and they certainly do a better job of lighting the footpaths. There have been one or two

complaints about their brightness outside bedroom windows and if this is your problem too please let a member of the Council or the Clerk know. A shield can be fitted to the back of the light that will solve the problem, so please don't suffer in silence. In round numbers the lights should pay for themselves in about five years. There's little to report about Neighbourhood Planning except to say that there will be another consultation in the summer when you will be invited to comment on the draft policies that the Steering Group are about to start work on. The Plan should be complete in about 18 months time.

Neighbourhood Watch has taken over the former Norfolk Homewatch scheme and has been brought up to date with a Facebook page. Jane Sutton from Coversure Insurance started this, the objective being to provide instant updates on all Police and crime related matters. It covers both Outwell and Upwell Parishes. See her note on page 5. This is a very interesting way forward but if you are a member of the existing scheme and not

a Facebook user your co-ordinator will no doubt continue to contact you when he or she receives any information relevant to you. If you would like to join either part of the scheme please go to the Outwell and Upwell Neighbourhood Watch page on Facebook or get in touch with Frank Humm or me.

The Police regret not giving Homewatch more support in recent times and are keen to see it revitalised as a part of the national Neighbourhood Watch.

It is one of a number of new initiatives emerging to tackle local problems, of which they are very aware. Please do not hesitate to report to them by phoning 101 or 999 in an emergency. Speedwatch is ongoing, thanks once again to Jeremy Teague and colleagues for their determination to tackle this dangerous and antisocial practice. The team need more members. Please get in touch with him if you can spare an hour or so, once in a while, to help. The Police used their own equipment in three places to gather their own speeding evidence, so more patrols are to be expected – and the SAM camera will be back before long. Be aware!

On other matters, while setting the budget for 2017-18 Council, at the suggestion of Cllr Richard Melton, it was decided to re-allocate some resources to a Community Grant Fund, to which groups of people within the Parish can apply for financial support for community events. Details can be found opposite. Please ask the Clerk for an application form or download it from the website. Also on the subject of the budget, once again Council voted to keep the Precept at its existing level. It has not been increased since 2011

Closing once again with thanks to contributors, distributors, advertisers and editor Steve Calton. Copy date for the summer edition will be Friday 2nd June.

Kind regards,

Prue Lester

Well Creek Dredging - Phase III Complete

The Middle Level Commissioners commenced with Phase III of Well Creek Dredging on 4th January 2017. The dredging works commenced at Church Bridge Upwell and continued to New Bridge (Hall Bridge) Upwell, a working length of approximately 900 metres

A contractor's long reach hydraulic excavator worked from St Peters road side to remove the siltation from the bed of the river, which was last dredged in 1971/2

A fleet of tractors and trailers transported the dredging's away from Well Creek to the receiving site at Salter Lode.

Approximately 3300m³ (5000 tonnes) of silt were dredged from the river.

This dredged material will be left over the summer months to dry out sufficiently to be re-handled, and it is anticipated it will be reused within the Middle Level Commissioners river system as valuable bank raising material.

The works were completed by 25th January.

The Commissioners wish to take this opportunity to thank affected residents and businesses along St Peters road for their help and assistance during the dredging works.

Extended thanks also to Grahame Seaton from the Well Creek Trust for his help with moving moored boats, and to Gerald Harnwell, for the use of his premises to provide a site compound area for the duration of the works.

Jonathan Fenn Operations Engineer Middle Level Commissioners



Upwell Parish Council approves a budget each year for the purpose of allocating grants to local organisations and community groups.

Eligibility

The following criteria must be met for a group to be considered for a grant:

- The group must be a charity, voluntary or community organisation
- The group must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the residents of Upwell Parish.
- The group must be formally constituted and have a management committee made up of volunteers who are the employing body.

Individuals and businesses are not eligible for grant funding.

Scope of grants

Applications will be considered for the following purposes which must benefit some or all of the residents of Upwell Parish:

- For purchasing equipment either in part or in full
- For funding of transport that will enable group members to participate in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes
- For training activities or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer or facilitator
- For activities that raise the profile of the area
- For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of Hardship
- For hosting special events or celebrations
- For the provision of recreational facilities.

Conditions

Multiple applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered

Prior approval of the Parish Council is required for any change of purpose of the grant. The Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not being used for the purpose specified on the application

All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded

An acknowledgement on receipt of the grant cheque is required.

Application Process

Applications should be made by completing the *Grants Award Application Form* and enclosing a copy of the latest set of annual accounts available for the group making the application.

For organisation, evidence of a planned budget will be required.

Applications can be accepted at any time of the year.

Applicants are usually notified within two weeks of the meeting and the grant money sent by cheque the following month.

Promotion

The Parish Council will ask for recognition from successful groups in the form of promotion of the Parish Council in newsletters or any press releases. The Parish Council will also recognise successful groups in its own reports to parishioners.

This policy was adopted by Upwell Parish Council at its meeting on 5th December 2016.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE NEWS

You may have noticed Outwell appliance and crew out and about more recently. That is, I am glad to report, because we can now be available with our own crew most days of the week and weekends. This is due to our crew's dedication which has included FF Edward Bidwell having a very successful 2 week Induction Course in December which now enables him to respond to incidents. Well done Ed.

FF Jason Kent has just successfully completed his two week Breathing Apparatus Course at our real fires training site in Coltishall. His outstanding result reflected all the hard work and effort he has put in recently. Well done Jason, you did yourself proud.

FF Jay Coffill has recently transferred to us. He has many skills that have greatly improved our abilities, and he is working hard to pass his Incident Command Assessments which will enable

him to keep the pump available as Incident Commander when required.

Presently we have a crew of 4 available most days plus a highly experienced Crew Manager who attends training with us and some incidents. We also have FF Chloe Nelson & FF Rowan Fox-Noble who will attend their two week RDS Induction Course in March.

During this cold weather could I please urge those of you with real fires to ensure chimneys are swept regularly according to the types of fuel you burn. Recently we attended a chimney fire that if we had not been so quick to arrive and deal with, could have been quite nasty. This could have been prevented if the chimney had been swept & maintained correctly. There seem to have been several across Norfolk recently.

Please could I remind you all to be safe during these winter months, and allow extra time for your journeys. Please be Safe!!

Watch Manager Glen Gates



Upwell Village Hall News

Three months seems to have flown by since the last newsletter and the Hall Committee are busy preparing for events this year. We held our AGM on Thursday 23rd February followed by an ordinary meeting. All Committee members were returned to the same positions they have held for many years. It's a shame that no new members turned up; the invitation is always open to those of you with an evening to spare on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30. The bank balance is now quite healthy after a few years of low income, thanks not only to the increase in Hall hirings, but massively to the Committee now running its own bar, where all profits are now returned to the Hall. Our continued thanks go to Richard & Kim. This increase will now allow for some exciting changes to take place within the Hall with **plans in the pipeline** for:

- renovation of the ladies toilets
- alterations and refurbishment of the committee room
- decoration of the kitchen
- minor improvement work to be carried out in the gents & disabled toilets.

There will also be some work planned for the main hall, but all this is subject to maintaining a healthy income and will be spread out over the next couple of years or so. The work has to be planned so that parts of the hall can be closed down without causing too much disruption to hall users.

On to our own fund raising events that are already planned: on **Friday 21st April we welcome the return of local artist Ian King** (who had his own TV series King and Country many years ago). Ian will be demonstrating painting along with interesting and often comical stories, with a raffle being held to win the

finished painting. The event starts at 7.00 pm with a cheese and wine refreshment break. Tickets are £5.00 & are available from Brian Tweeds Butchers in Town Street.

Saturday June 10th sees the combined Upwell Hall, Playing Field & Bowls Club Race Night. Fun for all the family with cash prizes & raffles. Watch out for posters nearer the time.

Sunday July 2nd is the date to put in your diary for the third annual **Upwell Village Yard Sale**, again being organised by Brian & Linda. Pitches are £5.00, and bookings are already being taken. Please contact Linda on 774145 or lcarr182@btinternet.com. In the interest of 'Community Relations', we ask that anyone opening up their yard on this day would enter into the spirit of the event and book their pitch and pay the £5.00 fee rather than 'jumping on the band wagon', £5.00 isn't much to contribute. All those who have paid will be identified with a new idea this year.

Provisional dates have been booked for a **Casino Night** on Sept 16th, a **'Ladies Only Night'** on October 14th, and not forgetting the men, a **'Gents Only Night'** on November 18th. Hopefully in the Summer Newsletter we will confirm these dates and have more details. We hope that you will support our efforts to bring a variety of events to the Hall, as well as maybe booking the Hall for your own function or celebration. **You can find us on 'Facebook' as well as following the Upwell Parish Council website link to see a list of all the regular user groups.** 200 Club tickets are still available from Committee members, a list of last year's winners appear below. Cheers.

Andrew Harrison



200 Club winners 2016

Jan Andrew Harrison, Lindsey Brown, Dee Harrison
 Feb Avis Gilbert, Jackie Croft, David Stittle
 Mar Jack Francis, A. Castle, Mally Pope.
 Apr Bev. Houseden, Richard Morton, Chris Crofts.
 May Joan Smith, Keith Harrison, Jack Parlett.
 June Richard Morton S Navrady G. Game, Debbie Newton.
 July Prue Lester, Ellie Williams, Dameon Lynn.
 Aug Steven Navrady, C. Sprule, Chris. Robinson.
 Sept Pat Moat, Cliff Risen, Linda Carr.
 Oct Linda Carr, Brian Carr, Addy Lynn.
 Nov Ian King, Brian Carr, Janice Garner-Osbourne.
 Dec Sally Meek, Bev. Houseden, Pam Dance, John Groom,
 Olive Frost and Addy Lynn.



Christmas Lights 2016

Above

Mr John Copeman,
winner, domestic trophy.

Left

Mr Alan Hurst,
A.D. Hurst & Son, winner
business trophy

UPWELL & OUTWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME



Due to the recent spate of burglaries and robberies locally we have decided to launch a joint Upwell and Outwell Neighbourhood watch Scheme. Look out for the new facebook page and sign up to become a member so that you can keep in the loop with the latest updates for the area. The object of the page is to communicate out to people as quickly as possible any alerts received from the Police or any other official source. We will also be publishing helpful advice, hints and tips on how to protect your property and stay safe. I am sure that by joining together we can create a strong community and in time ensure that our Villages are a safer place to live.

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Leigh Day

'stop press' Don't forget Upwell Methodist Church Flower Festival, weekend of 8th-9th April - with a talent show in the evening! Look out for posters!!

Speeding Drivers to face stiffer penalties from now on.

The Speedwatch Team were out recently wielding the SPEEDAR hand-held speed-camera. Despite the fact that there were signs up 150yards either side warning of the "speed-trap", and the Speed-watch volunteers were wearing yellow, florescent hi-vis jackets 25 vehicles were caught over the speed-limit, 5 of which were doing over 40mph. Of these speeders there were 2 Taxis, 4 Vans. 2 Lorries and 1 Driving-school vehicle (only the instructor driving it), so 9 people prepared to gamble their ability to work against the chance of being caught speeding! The remainder were mostly people going to work or about their normal business in cars.

The Static Speed Camera was also deployed providing a snapshot of traffic in Upwell.

On Low Side there was not a lot of traffic: A maximum of about 30 vehicles/½-hour period, Monday to Saturday, apart from two brief spikes of 63 and 48 on Saturday evening. Sunday was even quieter than the rest of the week. People seem to stick to the speed-limit, or thereabouts, with what appears to be one person speeding at 40 in the late evening and twice on Saturday. On Town St there were fairly obvious morning and afternoon peaks , averaging about 150 vehicles/½-hour period with peaks of about 210 vehicles/½-hour period on Monday at about 6:00pm. In terms of speed there

was a fairly obvious pattern with most day-time users driving at slightly over the speed limit with people speeding in the evening, with a repetitive culprit speeding through at 50 late at night on an almost daily basis.

Down School Rd most people seem to think the limit is 35mph, although it would appear that at least one early morning traveller thinks they are a racing-driver.

In addition to the Speedwatch Team the Police also had their own Static Cameras out monitoring the traffic with a view to possibly deploying teams of Officers to conduct random speed-checks.

On a national level new sentencing guidelines for magistrates' courts in England and Wales have been published. Under the new guidelines people caught speeding are going to face stiffer penalties depending on the speed they were doing. Fines are in future going to be based on the offender's Weekly Income up to a maximum of 175% of this or £1,000 (£2,500 on a motorway).

So a lot of us driving through the villages could soon be facing a serious reduction in our income, and some people might even find that it is more economical NOT going to work rather than follow their current practice!

Remember that the speed-limit throughout the built-up areas of the villages is 30mph.



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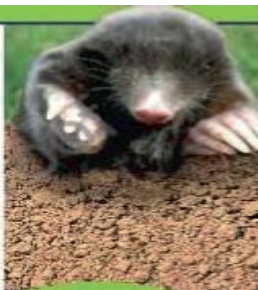
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[SCOUTS]

The scouts, along with the cubs and older beavers, welcomed Christmas Eve with a sleepover in the hall at Upwell Methodist church, although there was not much sleeping.

During our Wednesday evening meetings, we have had a couple of visitors. Vickie from DAAT (the Cambridgeshire Drugs and Alcohol Action Team) visited us to help the scouts understand the dangers of experimenting with these substances.



Camp Snowman

Later we were visited by John, who helped the scouts film, the 'Zombies of Upwell', a short movie they had written themselves. Once edited, we look forward to its premiere.

with plaques to commemorate them achieving the highest awards in their sections.

Finally, during the first meeting after the half term we visited the Fenrock bouldering centre in Outwell and discovered that some of the scouts, and indeed supervising parents, are actually monkeys in disguise! A great time was had by all, thank you to our great hosts.

Now we are all looking forward to the warmer weather with a number of camps and a gliding trip planned.



Meeting the Mayor



Winter Camp

Additionally we explored different ways of communication, using Morse code, semaphore and sign language, and even created our own Morse code generators. As always, pancake making and eating night was popular with the scouts.

Over the half term holidays, we took part in our first winter camp, at Belchamps in Essex, and encountered enough snow to build a small snowman. It was a very cold, muddy and enjoyable weekend with lots of activities available including climbing, shooting and axe throwing!

We returned to a special meeting with the mayor of Wisbech, during which beaver, cubs and one scout were presented



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'The Sorcerer' made its debut in 1877 and was the first full length Gilbert and Sullivan collaboration. It was sufficiently well received to encourage the author and composer to continue working together and expanding the possibilities of satiric opera.' 'The Sorcerer' introduced all the familiar elements - the comic duet, patter song, double chorus and tenor and soprano love duets all of which became the staples of subsequent G & S productions.

As the opera begins, the villages are celebrating the betrothal of Alexis to the lovely Aline. Alexis wishes all the village to love as he loves and so, to that end he hires a sorcerer, Mr John Wellington Wells, to administer a love potion from a large teapot during the banquet following the betrothal. The potion causes all who drink it to fall asleep, and on waking, fall in love with the first person they see, who has also taken it. Fortunately, it has no effect on married people!

As we might expect matters get seriously out of hand when all the wrong people fall in love with each other. Order, it appears, can only be restored by Alexis or Mr Wells offering their souls to the devil. But which shall it be?

To find out and to be certain of an excellent evening's entertainment come along to St Andrew's Methodist Church Hall. Tickets are £7.50 (£4 child) and include tea/coffee. To reserve your seat call 01945 773070.

OUTWELL AND UPWELL AGE CONCERN LUNCHEON CLUB

We meet once a fortnight at the Upwell Methodist Church, in Town Street. We start at 12.00. The club is for anyone over 60 years of age. We provide a dinner, a dessert and tea or coffee. The price is £5. You will make new friends and meet a lot of new people to talk to. We can provide transport if it is required. We have Raffles and Auctions to help with the cost of running the club.

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As reported in the March edition of Welle-in-Touch a successful Valentines Dance was held on Saturday 11th February at Upwell Hall. All raffle prizes were generously donated, and table decorations donated by Balloon Print. Approximately £350 was raised – to pay for electricity! A Tack sale held on Saturday 25th February was fairly successful.

Car boot sales will be starting on April 6th -and will



be held on every Thursday until 26th October (weather permitting). £5 per pitch – Sellers 8.00am buyers 9.00am the same as previous years, refreshments and toilets available. Disabled parking with Blue Badges only on field. Look forward to meeting all our "old" booters as well as new ones. Look for the new banner on the bridge! We will be having our first **Horse and Pony Show**



on April 15th Easter Saturday – let's hope the weather will be kind to us this year, with 34 classes in total from Shetland and Miniatures to Cobs and

Heavy Horses. No qualifiers, - Sponsorship welcome.

Other show dates: May 20th June 17th July 15th September 23rd, Presentation evening 21st October Upwell Hall with supper and disco!

Sunday May 28th – Bingo – doors open 6:30pm.

Saturday July 8th is **Party in the Park** With BBQ, licensed bar and various bands including AI and



Jules, Shanghi, Sounds Familiar and Out of Order.

Sunday 9th July is our **Annual Summer Fayre** – vintage and classic vehicles, BBQ, stalls and various



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GREENFINGERS GARDEN CLUB

If I had written this yesterday I would have had some nice things to say about the weather but I put it off until today (23rd February) and Storm Doris is at its worst at the time of writing, so I will say no more on that subject. It's lovely to see the snowdrops and aconites in flower and the evenings are getting longer, so spring is definitely on the way (fingers crossed).

The club has got off to an excellent start with good attendance at both the January meeting, when Tim Jellis gave a very interesting talk on 'Winter Colour' and in February. Unfortunately the speaker that month had to cancel at the last minute; the topic was to have been 'Pond World', but Raina managed to get Mary Larham from Manea School of Gardening to come and talk about water features in the garden. This was very enjoyable and Val welcomed some new members to the club.

Future events include a talk by Lynn Shannon on 'Norfolk Lavender' in March, Jane Sills on 'Walled Gardens' in April and in May, instead of the usual meeting in the Hall we will be visiting Rachel's Plants at Tamar Garden Centre. In June we will be back at the Hall for a talk by Sue Stephenson entitled 'Daisies, Dick and the Family Pig'. We're not quite sure what to expect but the title is intriguing.

Other events in the pipeline include competitions for an Easter bonnet in April and for Roses in June; at a date to be arranged there will be the Photography competition.

There will be an outing to the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Harlow Car, Yorkshire on 21st May. For further information about the club please ring Val Payne on 01945 772247. Meetings are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Upwell, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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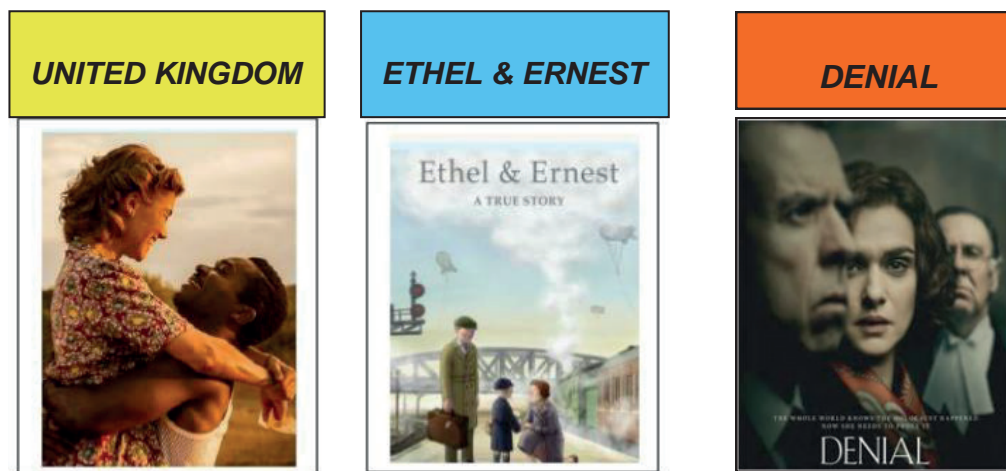


News from Three Holes Village Hall & Playing Field

At the time of writing we are excited to be planning our first event working in partnership with Into Film - see www.intofilm.org This organisation is funded by the British Film Institute (BFI) and the National Lottery and works to put film at the heart of the educational and personal development of children and young people across the UK by supporting teachers and educators to achieve a wide range of effective learning outcomes in their use of film. THVH&PF is donating the use of its hall and equipment and three of its trustee volunteers (Brian & Hilary Ranger and Geoff Fox-Noble) are giving their time to help make this happen. So, on Tuesday 28th March pupils and staff from Upwell Community Primary and Highfields Ely Academy will be coming to see a screening of Moana. This is a Disney animated film, set around 2000 years ago and across a series of islands in the South Pacific, the film follows the journey of a spirited teenager named Moana as she embarks on a quest across the Pacific Ocean to save her people.

WELLE CINEMA is now supported by Creative Arts East and The British Film Institute

Our usual screenings will also be going ahead as usual on Sundays at 2pm.



9th APRIL - A United Kingdom (12) is the true story of the forbidden love of King Seretse Khama of Botswana (well known to readers of the Number One Ladies Detective Agency) and Ruth Williams, a white woman from London. There was an international uproar in the late 1940s when they decided to marry against the wishes of both families and the Foreign Office, just as apartheid was being introduced into South Africa. This decision altered the course of African history. Starring David Olowo and Rosamund Pike.

14th MAY - Ethel & Ernest (U) Jim Broadbent and Brenda Blethyn lend their voices for the title characters of artist Raymond Briggs' animated biographical tribute to his own parents. A couple's love blossoms and endures through immense social change in the 20th century. One love, 40 years, and always a cup of tea.

11th JUNE - Denial (15) Is based on the acclaimed book : Denial: Holocaust History on Trial and recounts the author's legal battle for truth against David Irving, who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust denier. In English law the burden of proof in libel cases is on the defendant, so it was up to the author and her legal team to prove that the Holocaust occurred. Starring Rachel Weisz, Tom Wilkinson and Timothy Spall.

WELLE FILM PRODUCTIONS is the film making group that meets at Three Holes Hall. Come and join us 10am to midday just before the Welle Cinema screenings. We are currently working with the Upwell St Peter's Church bell ringing group, led by Julia Neale, to arrange to make a short film promoting the group, looking at what is involved in campanology and to help find new ringers.

GOOD NEWS The THVH&PF trustees are delighted to say that they have recently been successful in applying for a grant from the Norfolk Village Halls Fund. The award of just under five hundred pounds will mean we can hire a professional steam cleaner ready for our annual spring clean, buy new equipment to replace catering items getting past their best and also purchase a spare projector bulb to ensure film shows never have to be cancelled due to a breakdown!!

If you would like any information about activities and events or if you wish to hire the hall see:
www.threeholesvillagehall00.org.uk

Contact: Hilary 01945 773710, Helen 01354 610316, Sue 01945 772824, Eddie 01945 773961

THE FRIDAY WALKING GROUP



I can't remember quite how long ago the first walk took place but over the months the numbers grew from as few as 4 of us to as many as 17.

People just show up when it is convenient for them. There is no obligation and no charge, just turn up and join in. Well-behaved dogs are welcome too.

We leave from Upwell Village Hall at around 09.30 on a Friday morning.

Cold weather has not been much of a deterrent, but if it has been raining too much then we have been known to miss a week.

One couple that have joined our group live in Elm, so where you live is no restriction. There is always somebody to talk to as we wend our way along various drives & footpaths. We generally "stroll" at a leisurely pace anything from about 3 to 5 miles maximum.

Occasionally, as with any group, we get a little spread out along the route, but everyone is usually in sight, nobody gets left behind and there is always a safety shout from whoever spots a car approaching so that we can step aside until it has passed. We haven't lost a walker yet and the fact that so many keep coming along must be some sort of testament that this is something that is working for us all.

Sometimes we are out in the Three Holes area and stop for a coffee mid walk at the café there but, more often than not our stop for coffee etc is at the end of the walk at Joanne's Pantry, across the Well Creek from the Five Bells.

It is always nice to see the changing seasons. In as much as we may walk similar tracks at different times of the year there is always so much new to see. This week I noticed just how many daffodils are about and the snowdrops of course. Storm Doris brought down the tree in the photo.

Ted Harper



Upwell Village Yard Sale

**Sunday 2nd July, 2017
8.00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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For more information and forms to register, please contact - Linda Carr 01945 774145 or lcarr182@btinternet.com

Last year's Yard Sale was a great success, over 75 homes took part, we would like more of the village to take part this year, so please join us this year and make money from the things you no longer need.

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April 3rd

PARISH ASSEMBLY 6:30 pm

Full Council 7:00pm

May 8th

A.G.M. 7:00pm

June 5th

Full Council 7:00pm