



# Community Magazine

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## Upwell & Outwell Speedwatch Report.

While I was writing this I heard about the RTA on Outwell Rd, Emneth at 1:30 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and could not help wondering if the driver was this person:

On the 25<sup>th</sup> September between 1:00 and 2:00 in the morning someone went past the Fixed Speed Camera just opposite the Methodist Church on Town St at 85mph! Two days later between 8:00 and 9:00 in the evening, either them or another reckless person went past it at 80mph. As if that was not enough the very next day at 10:00pm someone repeated the same stupid stunt – once again at 85mph! I know, because I live further down Town St, that they were not the Emergency services on a call-out!

The week before the Camera was a bit further up towards Outwell on Town St: Here the recorded speeds were 75, 70, twice at 65 and 7 times at 60mph! Most of the rest of the cars travelling past were doing between 35 and 45mp! Town St does not have the monopoly, though: the week after speeds of 65, 70, 75 and 80mph were recorded on School Rd at various times, but fortunately not during school hours .

All this data has been sent to the Police. The new, expanded Upwell and Outwell Speedwatch team have also been out and about on a regular basis. In September 14 people were reported to the Police and in October 11 more speeders were reported. At the beginning of November we expanded the team even further so in future will be out more often.

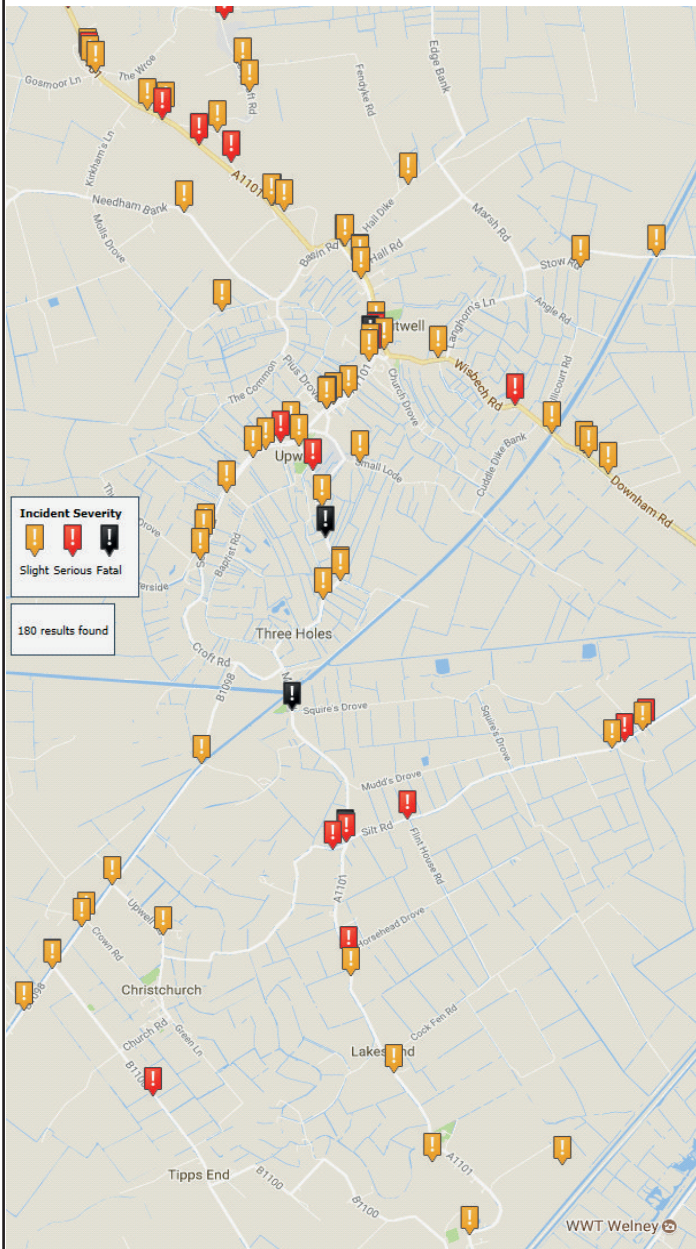
Just in case there is any confusion, throughout the whole of Outwell and Upwell the speed-limit is 30mph, with the exception of part of New Rd and Townsend Rd where the limit is 40mph.

The speed-limit through Three Holes is 40mph until you are past the bend beyond the Village Hall where it rises to 50mph. It stays at 50 right through Lott's Bridge until Lakes End where it drops back down to 40mph.

And to help you avoid becoming a statistic the map below shows the Road Traffic Accidents that have happened in the Outwell/Upwell area and been reported to the Police, over the past 5 years. So now you know where to pay extra attention when you are out driving!

Take care out there, and drive safely.

Jeremy Teague



Copy Date for  
Spring  
Edition  
Is  
Friday 2nd  
March



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear All,

Welcome to the winter edition of your community magazine, and on behalf of the members of the Parish Council may I offer you best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Neighbourhood Watch window stickers were distributed with the autumn magazine, but walking around the village it seems that a lot of them have not made it as far as your front window – or door.

Could I explain that the point of these is to make it clear to passers-by that there is a strong Neighbourhood Watch scheme working in the Parish. This, in itself, is a deterrent to crime. Jane Sutton from Coversure Insurance sponsored these stickers but the reason for her phone number on the back is not to advertise her business but to give you a handy place to find it should you want to report anything suspicious. She also administers the very successful Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page which is constantly updated with Police and crime related news. So please put your sticker in your window – and if you can't find it please let me know as I have spare copies. A final list of projects for the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme will be decided at December's Council meeting but making the yellow lines outside the school a mandatory 'no parking' zone is proving problematic as is extending the 40-mph speed limit in Three Holes. Apparently, these matters require expensive alteration to the legal *status quo* which NCC Highways is not prepared to consider at this time. Agreed subject to final costings is the purchase of a new bus shelter for the bottom of Townley Close and Council approved the purchase of a dot matrix warning sign to go on the Upwell side of the very dangerous bend on the A1101 at the Tointons/Green Road cross roads. Proedge Construction, who now operate their business from premises on the corner of Tointons Road have offered a substantial donation towards the cost of this sign as well as installing it at

their own expense. On behalf of all road users I offer sincere thanks. Turning right into Tointons Road travelling from Three Holes is very dangerous and this warning sign should improve safety there. These projects require NCC agreement, but I hope that they will be approved.

Neighbourhood Planning: Thanks to all of you who dropped into one of the sessions held recently in all 3 villages. Your agreement (or disagreement) with the various policy ideas on the displays and your comments has been noted and will become a part of the consultation base that is essential to producing a successful plan.

Emerging themes include a near desperate need for improvement, as soon as possible, to the broadband and mobile phone reception. Draft policies will now be written and there will be a further 6-week consultation period next year before the plan is submitted to KLWNBC. It is just possible that it will reach the final stage (a referendum) late next year.

A phone call from a resident about Remembrance Sunday has prompted me to ask if there are any other service men or women who lived in the Parish who have given their lives in armed conflict since 1945. The War Memorial records the names of those who died in WWI and WWII and the purpose of the ceremony held there every year is to commemorate them by reading the Roll of Honour. If you know of any person whose name should be added to both please contact me.

This leads me to ask for suggestions about ways to mark the centenary of the end of WWI which will be the 11<sup>th</sup> November next year. Once again please contact me with your ideas.

Closing with thanks to Cllr Bill Pugh who has edited this magazine as well as contributors, advertisers and the distributors.

Copy date for the spring edition will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Prue Lester

### CHRISTMAS SHOP OPENING TIMES

G&B Premier Store - open as usual. If they do close early on Christmas Day it won't be by much.

Joanne's Pantry - CLOSED from Saturday 23rd December at 12.30pm; reopening 3rd January at 7.30 am

Brian Tweed - Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd December - OPEN 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday 23rd - OPEN 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Thursday 28th December - Friday 29th OPEN 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday 30th December - OPEN 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER TO TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY

Wednesday 3rd January OPEN 8.00 am - 5.00 pm.

We are aware there were errors in Tweed's timetable last year; this one has been double checked!



Christmas lights competition.

judging on

**TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER,**  
7:30

There will be a single trophy awarded  
for the most imaginative display of  
lights in the Parish

# ALLOTMENTS

Upwell Parish Council has Garden Allotments in Stonehouse Road, Upwell. Amongst others, we currently have a double sized plot which has been extremely well maintained and cropped over the years & is in good condition. There are grassed walkways around the planting areas which are now ready for clearing ready for Spring planting. We are sorry to see this tenant leave due to health grounds. This plot may be available immediately or in the early Spring. There are a number of other vacant plots, but due to them being vacant for a number of years they are not ready to plant & use without a degree of work & obvious cultivation & preparation. With this in mind, these plots are available rent free until April 2018, to enable prospective new tenants the chance to get them cultivated ready for use next Spring. The Parish Council does it's very best to keep the vacant plots cleared of rubbish, but this is not always achievable on a regular basis, & it is disappointing to see some of the let plots not being used fully either. Annual rent costs are £7.50 for the single plots & £15.00 for the double plots, with a £50.00 deposit which is refundable upon vacating the plot in a clean and tidy condition. The Parish Council carries out regular inspections of the site to try to encourage tenants to keep their plots at least in a tidy condition if not fully cultivated & cropped. Perhaps with the continued rise in food prices, now would be a good time to consider the rewards in growing your own fruit & veg. combined with a bit of exercise & fresh air too. For more information about the Garden Allotments please contact Parish Council Clerk, Kate Bennett.



## WANT TO RENT AN ALLOTMENT?

Contact Kate Bennett: **01945 774272** or **[upwellpc@googlemail.com](mailto:upwellpc@googlemail.com)**

## Are you Recycling properly?

My article in the last Parish Magazine about recycling in Upwell caused a bit of a stir, and several people contacted me with a wide range of views and opinions.

Since then, the Borough Council's waste & recycling advisers (Georgie & Carl) have been back twice to Upwell to see if there has been any improvement in the quality of recycling.

Apparently, Dovecote Road and Croft Road have improved, but there is still room for improvement in other areas such as School Road.

The advisers also reported that even though the original level of recycling was pretty good in Upwell, residents they'd spoken to in their visits had since improved their recycling considerably (along with their neighbours). Recycling is now separated out, cleaned, dried, and put in the recycling bin loose. That's exactly how it should be - well done!

Unfortunately, one or two people are still determined to recycle incorrectly, including a resident who wanted to continue dumping used cat litter in the green recycling bin (how would you recycle used cat litter?).

Overall, most people in Upwell are recycling, and are doing it consistently well. Those who are not, are now in a very small minority, which is great news.

The other big recycling news is that you no longer need to use compostable bags in your food caddies. New technology now up and running at the Anaerobic Digestion plant means that plastic bags are now stripped out, so it doesn't matter which plastic bags you use to keep your kitchen and kerbside food caddies clean and hygienic.

You can even use old supermarket carriers to line your kerbside caddy, and if you have any half-used plastic bags of unwanted salad or potatoes, you can now just put them straight into your caddy. All the plastic bags are stripped out, processed, and sent off to generate electricity.

Using plastic bags in your food waste caddies will also help to stop the food waste sticking to the sides. When this happens the crews have to bash the caddy on the side of the bin lorry to loosen the food waste, and inevitably this leads to damaged caddies that have to be replaced at extra cost to the recycling service (that we all pay for in our Council Tax).

As ever, I'm more than happy to listen to any comments or complaints about your bins, though the easiest way is to do it on the Council's website [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/yourbins](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/yourbins) where it will be logged and processed.

**Cllr David Pope**

**01945 773054**

# UPWELL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

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Do you know what CS/Unpaid work - have done for your community? Painted the pavilion, the children's play equipment, the carpark posts, erected a piece of fencing at the bottom of the field where someone has insisted on walking through the hedge to the war memorial (there is a gate on New Road) moved the kissing gate and painted, painted the front gate and generally kept us tidy. We provide the materials, paint, posts for fencing, fortunately I have managed to acquire netting to fill the gaps in the hedge otherwise that is another expense UPFC can not afford.

You want to hold a meeting? - Why not hire Upwell Playing Field Pavilion – equipped kitchen, toilets, baby changing facilities,

## OTHER 2018 EVENTS:

February 10th Valentines dance.

July 7th Party in the Park July 8th Summer Fayre

Winners of the last Horse and Pony show were -

**INHAND:** Pip Read, Stuart Shorting, Jan Allen, Kayleigh Cox, Rebecca Bradford, Lesley Frary, Claire Leech, Poppy Ireland, Lizzie Bond,

**RIDDEN:** Pip Read, Kayleigh Cox, Jan Allen, Poppy Ireland, Harry Jackson, Teresa Brodie, Shelby Cowells, Maicie Henfrey, Amy Bradford, Andrea Lorking, Lynn Davis Pannell, Henfrey Girls, Amy Cordy, Brooke Coleman,.

INHAND CHAMP PIP READ,

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WHITEWATER BONNIE HORSE/PONY FOR U12 POPPY IRELAND.

The last Horse and Pony Show was held the 23rd September when the inhand was judged by Mr Graham Ward of Gorefield sadly Graham passed away a few weeks ago, a lovely gent that will be missed in the horse world. Our Horse and Pony Show presentation evening was held on the 21st October at Upwell Hall, the committee would like to thank everyone for attending, providing raffle prizes, our caterer Hilary Cox, to disco Johnny All Stars to all our sponsors as follows:

*Justin Kinsey/Medals for All, Kenbourne Stud/Liz FryLockier, S.C.S. Agricultural Contractor/Stuart Shorting, Pro Equestrian Therapy/Alison Smith, Chemex/Chris Allen, Mo Blackford, Laura Oughton-Auker, Jo, Tom & Maicie Henfrey, Gemma Newton Farrier, Greenacres Stud/Lynn Pannell, Rosy, Russells Fresh Meats/Paul & Sue Russell, Ray Wilson, Neddies Rug Wash/Tamzin Loft, K.J. Curson Farms, Goldings Animal Feeds, Nimax Animal Feeds, Elmstock Masters & Co Ltd., G.A. Seaton Planning & Design Ltd., Keith & Sue Wright, Saracens Horse Feeds and anyone else that I may have forgotten, sorry, but all sponsorship very much appreciated.*

**April 14<sup>th</sup>: Horse and Pony Show**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>: Horse and Pony Show**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>: Horse and Pony Show**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>: Horse and Pony Show**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Horse and Pony Show**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>: Horse and Pony Show Presentation**

Carboots have now finished – just need to put the board away for the winter months the last one the October 26<sup>th</sup> was fairly well attended. All our events are weather dependent and we do appreciate the continued support of all our regular booters. These will resume April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018. We suffered several wet days in the last few months of the carboot season – so it is no carboots no income!

**Next carboot season is April 5<sup>th</sup> - October 25<sup>th</sup>**

A Christmas Bingo will have been held at Upwell Hall on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – many thanks to Wendy Dennis and family for organising and to Ron Adams of Upwell Bowls Club. A Christmas raffle to be drawn on the 14<sup>th</sup> December – any seasonal prizes will be welcomed – contact myself or Pat Moat on 01945 772257.

We are in the process of having field maintenance carried out, to date the field has been vertidraind, goal mouths have been repaired and reseeded. During the spring the field will be sprayed for weeds. This is where some of the money goes!



During October the older scouts went to York as part of their Expedition challenge. This is a weekend away where the scouts are expected to do as much of the planning, including budgeting, and execution as possible themselves. We do draw the line at them driving! During the trip we joined forces with scouts and a leader from 1<sup>st</sup> Appleby and visited the Jorvik and Castle museums before trying out snowboarding. However, for some the best part of the weekend was being let loose in the Shambles with their spending money.

Back at the hall during our meeting we talked about fire safety both in the hall and while building fires. This provided us with an excuse to build fires and toast marshmallows, not that we really need an excuse. Outside we also built shelters and enjoyed running around in the dark.

Indoors we held a cooking competition, the results were impressive and the judges were very impressed. Toby and Jamie won with their roulette donuts. Normally some of the fillings can be a bit of a surprise, we have had mustard and marmite, but the boys played safe with a variety of sweet fillings.

Over this term and next the scouts will be learning about their own community and the wider world. We have had an enjoyable presentation from the family of some of our cubs, who are originally from Slovakia. They told us about their country, what it was like moving to England and brought in samples of Slovakia food. We also had a visit from a volunteer from the Food Bank who surprised us all with stories relating to the type of people who need their help. The scouts are currently writing letters to some scouts in Slovenia, to learn about scouting in other countries.

Many of you will have seen the beavers, cubs and scouts at the cenotaph and the church service afterwards. Well done to those who turned out on a very bitter morning.

In preparation the scouts learned a little about the role scouts played, both

at home and abroad during WWII.

Coming up we have our Xmas Fayre, party at Skaters and for the hardy among us a Winter Camp, just thinking about it makes me feel cold.

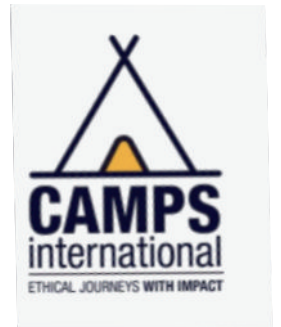
AKELA



### Rowan Mayer, Fundraising to help Communities in Borneo.

Hello,

I am Rowan Mayer a 13-year-old student at Marshland High School and local scout who is trying to raise £3000 in order to help local communities build schools and such like in Borneo. I will then be going on a school expedition to Borneo with Camps International and using the money to help work on projects which transform communities and help them overcome significant issues they face including access to clean water, education and housing. The expedition will enable me to gain a different view of the world, understand the day to day challenges rural communities face.



The First part of the Challenge for myself will be to raise the £3000 toward community and conservation projects in deprived parts of Borneo. I have already managed to raise some money from selling Snakes and Cakes at the Outwell Fireworks and have started volunteering at Cancer Research in Wisbech. This weekend I have washed a car, done some pressure washing and I am looking for other work to raise money.

**If you feel like helping me easily, I personally would suggest using [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com). What this website allows you to do is fund me through your online shopping and the best part is completely free. Just go to. [Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rowanmayer](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rowanmayer) to get started. Another neat and easy thing to do is to call me for odd jobs, the phone number is [01945 772773](tel:01945772773).**

That's all for now folks I will try to keep you updated as I go along.

Until Next time  
Rowan 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 12<sup>th</sup> Wisbech scouts.**



Welle W.I had their A.G.M. in November when the committee and officers stood down and re-elections took place. The new committee for 2018 is :

<b>President</b>	<b>Muriel Johns</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Pauline Raynor</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Henrietta Robinson</b>
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<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Edna Hollands</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Cath Hirst</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Fiona Saul</b>

Welle W.I. thanked the retiring President, Fiona Saul for all her hard work and commitment over the last three years, along with Helen Thomas, retiring secretary and Sue Venn. Flowers were presented as a tribute to all. Our next meeting is our Christmas bash when we will socialise, eat, drink (responsibly) and have a 'quiet knees up' ready for the Christmas festivities before being back on New Year's Day ready for the next year. Our programme for the next couple of months is: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 a talk on Tarot reading, 5<sup>th</sup> February a presentation on local history of the Fens and 5<sup>th</sup> March a demonstration of glass jewellery. These meetings are held in Upwell Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.



The gardens seem to have done very well this year in spite of the seasons appearing to change from week to week. The roses and clematis seem to have done particularly well.

Its been a good year for green Fingers. We've had some very interesting speakers covering a variety of subjects, we've gained some new members and had two enjoyable outings. We've also made £450 for our charity of the year. This will go to the Cinnamon trust which cares for animals when their owners are no longer able to do so.

Now we put aside our trowels and spades and wait for the seed and plant catalogues to arrive so we can plan our gardens for 2018 and look forward to some more happy evenings at the club. Our first meeting of the new year will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January and the speaker will be John Willis ( head gardener at Elgoods brewery) his subject will be the planting of trees and permanent shrubs.

The February meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> with Nigel Davies from the rare breeds centre at Stow Bardolph. His subject will be natural and local history and on the 20<sup>th</sup> March we will have Esther Munro on a scheme to train women into gardening after farming.

Meetings are held at the Methodist church at Upwell on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month. If you are interested in taking up a new pastime in 2018 give our chairman Val a ring on **01945772247**. She will be pleased to help

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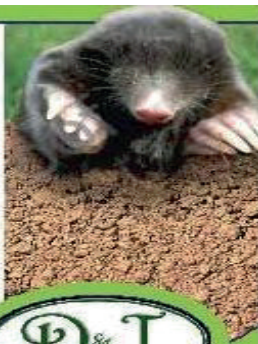
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It has been an incredibly busy Autumn term. However, Upwell Academy is flourishing under the guidance of EMAT. We have also been able to revamp a number of areas within school which were underutilised and undefined.

We have three vibrant library zones to help us develop a love of reading within our children. A successful bid to the local council has seen much needed funds being allocated to help us develop reading opportunities for pre-school children. My aim is to run story sessions for pre-schoolers, and help them become used to a school setting, or one larger than they currently attend.

We have also taken learning outside to our new amphitheatre and we hope to hold many performances out there. It is vital that children realise that learning does not just take place inside the classroom.

Our reception class are benefiting from an exciting new outdoor area which enhances their learning opportunities. We now have to fund raise to provide shelter for this area. While the children happily play out in all weathers, I'm not sure I could!

The Local Governing Body has also been instrumental in enhancing the learning environment, as some of our governors have created a wonderful riverside learning area for the school. I do not think any of us had a clue how large the river garden was. We all appreciate their effort.

Our parent fundraising group 'FOSA' continue to provide fabulous opportunities, not least of all allowing me to have a good clear out every now and then with 'Phil the bag'. Children love the school discos and film nights, and benefit from subsidised trips to things such as pantomimes. Again, we all appreciate their time and effort which helps us make Upwell a wonderful place to learn.

We receive government funding through the PE and Sports premium. This has enabled me to sign the school up for Omnes Games. I want all children to experience the excitement of attending tournaments at different locations, and to be part of a successful team. It really is the taking part which matters. We have also been able to train our year 5's as Young Leaders, so that they are able to lead positive play activities during lunchtimes. They are working towards different awards and I look forward to holding our first reward ceremony to congratulate them for their efforts.

The year 5's also led our recent remembrance service, and the whole school produced a wonderful display of poppies. I am fortunate to have some very talented staff members and of course children, and I am incredibly proud to be their Principal.

It is important for children to realise that there are others less fortunate than ourselves, and that we can all do small things to help others. Children in Need was celebrated with a 'Spotacular' clothing theme. One of our talented parents spent the day face painting and we raised in excess of £120.

I would like to thank Upwell Methodist Church for allowing us to celebrate our Harvest Festival there, and we look forward to performing our Key Stage Two carol concert at St Peters in December. I am keen to extend the opportunities we provide children with at Upwell, however transport and cost is often a limiting factor. If you know of any local opportunities we could take advantage of, particularly if they are in walking distance, please contact the office on **01945 773220** or by email **office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk**.

Mrs Norman  
Principal



2017 has been a busy time for Upwell Academy FOSA and a number of fun events and successful fund raising activities have taken place.

We provided all Year 6 children with "Upwell Academy Leavers 2017" hoodies and all new children starting in Reception class received their very first book bags. Both are extremely important things for the children to receive and a tradition that FOSA is very proud to continue.

At the end of October all of the children received a pumpkin, with thanks to K J Curson farm and our Halloween/Guy Faulks disco took place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. All of the children and helpers had a great time and we saw some very impressive costumes and dance moves!

We had a good response to "Phil the bag" donations during November when two collections took place. We will continue to organise these events throughout 2018, so please start bagging up any unwanted clothes, shoes, materials, bedding etc. and watch this space for our next collection!

The children came up with some fantastic designs for their personalised Christmas gifts this year, which were turned into mugs, tea towels, shopping bags, Christmas cards and gift tags. The popularity this year exceeded all previous years with orders totaling over £1000!

Again this year FOSA have made a substantial donation towards the cost of the pantomime to keep the cost to families to a minimum and to enable every child to go. This year is Jack and the Beanstalk, which we're sure will leave us all feeling very Christmassy...."oh no it won't"!

We will be hosting a Christmas movie night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15 – 5.30 and will be showing "Get Santa." All children will be given a snack box and a drink with a Christmas present from FOSA presented by a very special visitor!

Join us for a night of bingo on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 at Upwell Village Hall, with all proceeds raised going to Upwell Academy FOSA. We have some fantastic prizes donated from many generous local businesses, a raffle and a cash game. Refreshments are available with some lovely home baked goodies.

Doors open 6.30pm - Eyes down 7.00pm

We have much more planned for 2018 and we look forward to sharing these with you.

FOSA would like to invite new members to join us to support the organisation in the year ahead. This may be through volunteering time to help out at events, sharing ideas about future fundraising or how the money raised should be spent at the school.

### **THE KAYAK IN THE WINDOW**

If you have ever wondered about the display of vintage artefacts in the windows of the shop that used to be 'Bridehire', while taking down the British Legion poppy display, the new owner of the building told me a little about them. Andy Nicholson understood when he bought the shop that to leave the window bare would look, in his own words, like a broken tooth on the high street. So to use the space and give passers by something of interest to look at he decided to display part of a collection that a friend had inherited from his father, who had been an Etymologist and travelled widely in Indonesia and East Africa. The objects in the small window represent his travels and the large one exploration. He must have been an intrepid explorer indeed if the kayak was his main means of transport!

The pump is a not-to-scale working representation of a 'Newcomen Atmospheric Engine' which was a type of steam engine used for draining mines amongst other things.

The sale notice was found walled up in the building by Nick and Rita Pritchard when they owned it but sadly the date is incomplete. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September crops up about every 5 years so does anyone know when Watts Drapery closed down? If so, please let me know.

The conversation moved on to the days when the business there was 'Shopwell' and sold haberdashery, china and gifts. Once more if you have any recollections or photos please get in touch and they could go into the next issue of this magazine.

It remains to thank Andy for allowing the British Legion to use the window for the traditional Remembrance Sunday display.

Prue Lester

## Upwell Village Hall News

Did you know that Upwell Village Hall has an indoor Short Mat Bowls group? Perhaps you've recently moved to the village & used to play for a club but no longer want that level of competition? Maybe always wanted to try the game but nowhere offers the opportunity without joining a club? Maybe this is a friendly alternative. This is held purely as a social event, not a club or anything so there are no competitions or leagues to get involved with, but a few players do play for clubs so there's always a bit of friendly advice to hand especially if you're new to the game. It's a place to take part in a bit of gentle exercise and catch up on gossip & have a bit of friendly fun. We have three 13 metre mats available which take up the full length of the hall, & even some limited spare sets of bowls so you don't have to worry about buying or having to bring your own. The group plays every Monday (usually excluding Bank Holidays) & Thursday afternoons from 2.00 till 4.00 & the cost is £3.00 per session with tea, coffee & biscuits included. If you're interested, then please do pop along & have a free taster session. Please call Pat or Gordon on 01945 772257 for any more information.

The Upwell Village Hall Christmas Craft Fayre was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, & what a tremendous success it was this year. The hall was packed with 36 stalls, the most we can accommodate, & over 500 people came through the doors. There was a queue for refreshments, which kept the kitchen staff on their toes all day. Exciting plans were mentioned at our last meeting to try & make this an even bigger event in the near future. Thanks to all the committee members, friends & family who helped out on the day.

The hall committee still has an ongoing maintenance plan, with some of the major work now being planned to take place in the early Spring next year, which will mean some disruption, but hopefully nothing like the A47! We hope to keep all events and hirings running whilst work takes place in the gents & ladies toilets & the total refurbishment of the committee room. The kitchen has now been fully repainted & is nice & clean & bright, the committee are applying for a Food Hygiene rating even though food is very rarely actually prepared on site, but it will give a reassurance to users as to the cleanliness of the facility. The old storage container at the rear of the hall has been given a new lease of life by having new doors fitted, as the original doors had become too difficult to operate. This container is used solely for the storage of spare tables, chairs etc. that are not in everyday use.

We are also in the process of setting up a wireless thermostat to control the heating, hopefully this will enable a more economical use of the heating oil whilst maintaining 24 hr heating of the hall during the winter to keep the damp at bay when the hall isn't in use. Previously the heating has had to be set manually meaning so there has been less control of when the heating is running.

The committee's next and final event of the calendar year is the New Years Eve dance, tickets and further details are available from Ros on 01945 773604. 200 Club tickets are now available from committee members, there is a list of winners from previous draws in this newsletter.

That just leaves the committee to say thank you to those of you that have supported our events over this past year, and to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Cheers.

Andrew Harrison, Ros Shorting, Amanda Williams, Richard Melton, Pat Moat, Linda & Brian Carr & Charles Martin

### NHW - NOVEMBER UPDATE

Now that the clocks have changed and we are heading towards Winter once again it is important to protect your home and the things you care about.

Being the victim of a burglary is a truly horrible experience – to know that a stranger has been inside your home, amongst your precious possessions and taken things that mean something to you can be devastating for many victims. But we must bear in mind that most burglaries are opportunistic and many can be prevented. Burglars are lazy and would much rather get in through an open door or window.

**The NHW community recommend using what is called the WIDE principal when looking at how to secure your home – and it is very simple.**

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- I Interior lights left on a timer when you're away**
- D Double or dead bolts fitted on doors**
- E Exterior lights on a sensor**

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It's also worth thinking about what you might do in the unlikely event of finding an intruder in your home. The advice is find somewhere safe to call the police on 999 and don't confront the intruder. Remember none of your possessions, however valuable, are worth more than your personal safety. For further guidance on dealing with intruders and the and the legal use of reasonable force visit:

[www.cps.gov.uk/publications/prosecution/householders.html](http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/prosecution/householders.html)

As always thank you for your support.

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Outwell & Upwell Scheme Co-ordinator



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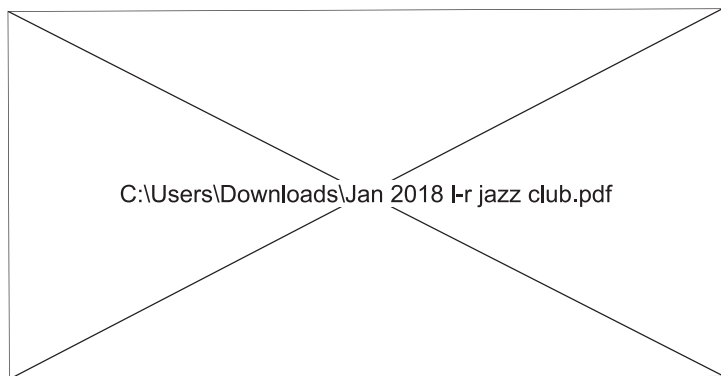
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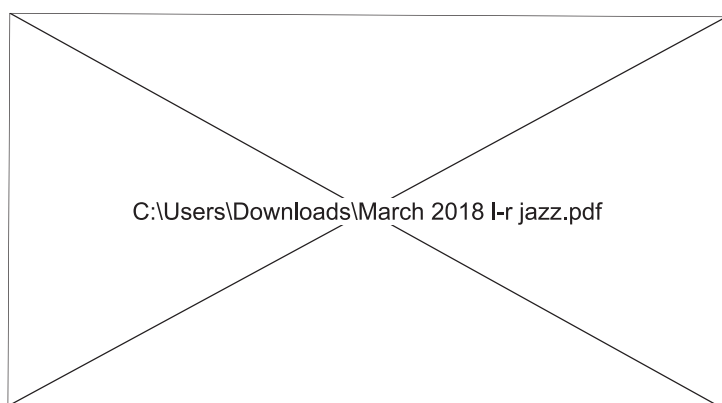
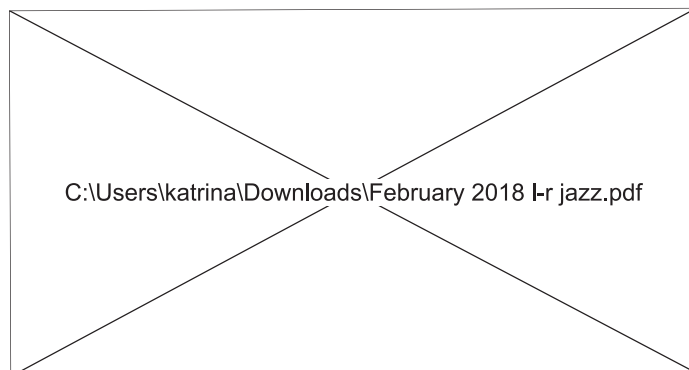
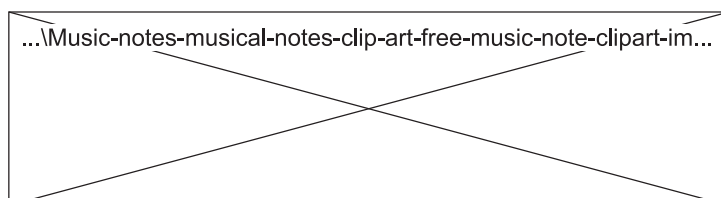
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## WELLE CREEK DREDGING

*Phase IV Well Creek Dredging (British Legion Footbridge, Upwell – Isle Bridge, Outwell) – plans are being finalised to undertake the fourth phase of channel clearing and de-silting works from the British Legion Footbridge to Isle Bridge, Outwell, commencing in January 2018. Approval has been sought from Norfolk County Highways for a contractor's long reach excavator to work for part of the proposed working length, along the A1101, as adjacent bank access from Lowside, Outwell is only partially available due to trees and residential garden areas adjoining the river. The proposed working length within the fourth phase is approximately 770m. The dredged material will be transported to the Commissioners' receiving site at Salter's Lode, where it will be left to dry sufficiently to be re-handled and re-used as bank raising material in the future.*

David Thomas, Chief Executive, Middle Level Commissioners

## WELLE CREEK TRUST AGM

The Well Creek Trust would like to invite everybody to their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm in Upwell Village Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Bill Smith our local historian who will give "A brief Account of Fenland "

The committee is looking forward to meeting you there.

## UPWELL ST. PETERS CHURCH: IS IT WORTH BOTHERING ABOUT?

What's the problem? The church has always been there! Since the Middle-Ages it has slowly grown over the years, as parishioners and patrons provided the money, time and effort to create the building we see today.

St. Peter's church is very much alive, not only as a place for Sunday worship, but for marriages, blessings, baptisms, funerals and a wide range of other activities, including regular Messy Church events. Each year the visitor's book reveals quite a large number of people who visit the church just because they have a desire to make a connection with past family members, who themselves used the church, or because they too had participated in church activities when residing in the parish.

There is a timelessness about the church that encourages people to go just to say "thank you" and, where today we can still get that sense of connection to something far bigger than us. In the quiet of the church we can remind ourselves that the age old message of "do not do to others that which you would not have done to yourself" is a far greater truth than will ever be found in the majority of the media we are exposed to each day.

For the church to be open for its range of activities, a lot of time, money and effort is required. The Financial Statement reveals a total expenditure during 2016 of £28,858. The church building, like many of us, is suffering the "aches and pains of age" that needs regular attention and treatment. During 2016 the required 5<sup>th</sup> yearly architectural survey of the whole structure, revealed the need for substantial repair and renovation work at a considerable price tag. The church's Fabric Fund balance being woefully below the total amount required. Thus fund raising continues to be a priority.

Those of us who are actively involved in the day to day running of the church believe there are many residents within the parish that do indeed feel the church really *is* "worth bothering about," and would be willing to assist in some manner, whether or not they actively participate in any activities. There are two ways in which help can be given.

1. Become a Voluntary Event Helper by giving some of your time to assist in the running of one or more of the various non-service events that take place within the church each year. Email David Percy at: [dep.doorways@btinternet.com](mailto:dep.doorways@btinternet.com), to ensure you receive further information.

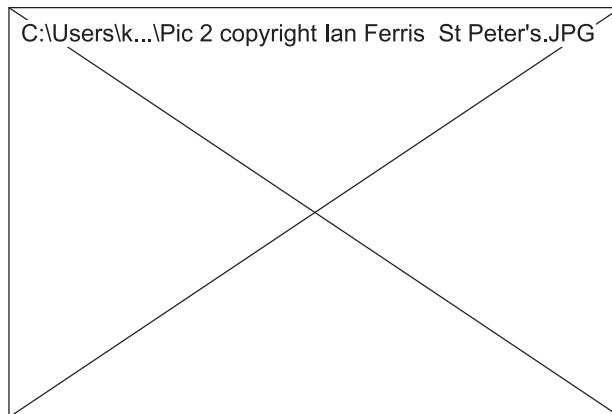
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It is our very real hope that you too share our desire that St Peter's continues to be a guiding light within the parish. Thank you.

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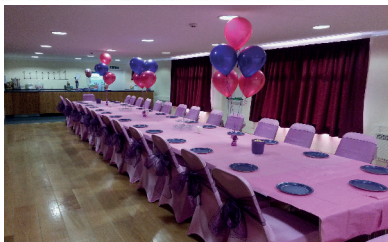
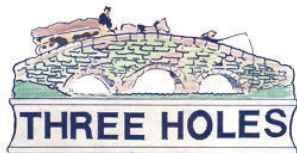
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### Welle Cinema Screening dates for early 2018

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm: DUNKIRK (12a) 106 mins**

Fionn Whitehead, Barry Keoghan, Mark Rylance

The title says it all!!! Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German Army, and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2pm: PADDINGTON 2 (U) 59 mins**

his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday approaching, Paddington (Ben Whishaw) wants to buy her something special. He settles on a unique pop-up book of London, but it's too expensive for a bear's meagre means. Before Paddington can save enough to buy it, the book is stolen by local actor Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant), who has a much darker reason for wanting it.

Sue Lowe

### Meeting Dates For 2018

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will take place at Upwell Village Hall. The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend any meeting. Residents can address the Council at the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman.

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