



# Community Magazine

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## BLUNT FAMILY CHARITY UPDATE



As mentioned previously, assets have to be realised before the Charitable Trust can receive the money. The first of the building plots on the frontage of St Peters Road will be coming up for sale shortly and it is hoped that the rest will be disposed of over the next few months. A fuller report on the planning applications and its success is being given to inform residents of the progress made so far. I believe that all the news is good news for the Estate and the Charitable Trust.

The nature reserve has received approval from the planners for change of use, and this is currently being cleared. Only minimal cutting back of the trees is taking place at this stage, trying to leave plenty of cover for animals and birds. The expectation is that a path will be created and covered with bark chipping for people to stroll around. I would like this to be fully open towards the end of this year. There will be a small parking area for a few cars and this will be created once full access has been provided to the site.

**Tony Davies – Executor**

## Blunt Family Charity Planning update

Outline planning permission has now been granted for the additional 25 plots and this can be viewed on The Borough Council website under planning reference number 15/01496/OM.

The approval is subject to the completion of a section 106 agreement and 18 conditions, and the agent will be working on these matters over the next few weeks.

The outline permission is for 25 dwellings consisting of 18 houses and 7 bungalows. 20% of the dwellings will be affordable housing and this equates to 5 houses.

The plots are intended to be developed as self-build dwellings as there is a great need in this area for this type of development.

The first job now is to obtain quotations for the first phase of the estate road and services, which will enable 7 plots



and the nature walk to be accessed.

Further updates on progress will be published in Upwell Parish Magazine.

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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

You will be pleased to hear that again Council voted to leave the precept unchanged. As before, this will result in a minor decrease, as the tax base (the number of houses that pay Council Tax) has marginally increased. The precept has remained at the present level since 2011.

Other news: In December Council voted to co-opt Bill Pugh, our webmaster, to fill the Casual Vacancy following the death of Councillor Margaret Hodgson.

Planning has continued to be a prominent issue. Deemed to lack a 5 year supply of development land with planning consent, the Borough Council has thrown open the doors in a bid to make up this supply and comply with Government policy. Accordingly a significant number of applications for Outline planning have been received and are currently under consideration. While there are those who are opposed to any development in the Parish, this is not an option as we are also subject to Government policy and must approve applications unless there are material grounds on which to refuse. At a recent update session with the Borough's Planning Officers we were advised that only those applications that can be seen as 'demonstrably harmful' can now be refused. The goal posts have been shifted again in the Government's drive to build more housing. This matter of the 5 year supply will be tested at an appeal in May and I am sure that Upwell will not be the only Parish to be very relieved to hear that it has been achieved and the usual constraints to planning applications will once again be back in force.

On another matter, a sample of the new LED lights that are under consideration has been installed by the bus shelter at Newbridge. Please have a look at it and let us know what you think. Contact details on the back page.

Last heard of, the delay in starting the new footpath on Lowside was due to a difference of opinion between NCC Highways and the contractor as to whether they needed a safety boat when working on the riverbank. I hope this will be resolved soon. Council have approved a similar path to be built on Newbridge

Road, although I believe this may have to wait until a new scheme for surface water drainage has been installed this summer.

Many of you will know David Grey, who has been the Council's Groundsman since 2005. David has decided that it's time to hand over to someone younger and we are currently recruiting his successor. He will still be working in the centre of the village for the next couple of months while the handover takes place and I would like to thank him for all he has done over the years. I know that he is a very active member of the British Legion and that with Pauline he volunteers in a number of other capacities, so we have by no means seen the last of him and it is a pleasure to know that he has still so much to offer the Community following his retirement.

My thanks to editor Steve Calton for compiling this magazine, to the contributors to it as well as the advertisers and distributors.

Copy date for the summer issue will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Kind regards,

Prue Lester

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

So far about 40 people have attended the first two open sessions to put forward their ideas on the shape of future development in the Parish and many thanks to you all for taking part. By the time you read this the third session in Upwell will have taken place but in April we will be at Three Holes Village Hall on the third Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> from 1.30 – 3.00 pm, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May there will be another meeting, either in Three Holes or Lakes End. Please look out for posters.

Many good ideas have been put forward and while it's too early to be specific there is general support for housing to be in keeping with surrounding properties and for a mix to accommodate young people and the more senior members of the community as well as for the 3 and 4 bedroom family homes that developers seem to be fixated on. An interesting suggestion is for a retirement home; an excellent idea, enabling those in need of support to stay in the community. An area for small business units to promote local employment and offer an alternative to commuting to work has also received support.

Please come along to an open session if you haven't done so already or contact us with your views and ideas by email via the website: [upwellparish.com](http://upwellparish.com)

Prue Lester

## CLEAN-UP-THE-CREEK & COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

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# Upwell Primary School

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## Spring Term update



We have had a number of children join Upwell Primary this term. Many of the pupils have come from William Marshall Primary School, Welney and we have also had children join us who are new to our community.

Our year 5 & 6 pupils had an "In Deep" Maths residential to Holt Hall. They were learning that maths is all around us.

We are very excited to announce that due to our pupil numbers increasing we have received planning permission from Norfolk County Council for a new modular unit which will be installed on our school grounds. The modular unit will consist of two full size classrooms with all amenities. We are aiming for our unit to be fully operational after the Easter holidays.



**Parking:** We now have coaches & taxis dropping off and collecting the children both morning and afternoon. It is essential that parents / carers do not park on the zigzag lines to ensure the safety of the children.

**Dogs:** Please note that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If your dog does foul outside the school or near the school gates, please can you ensure that you clean up after them as it is a hazard to the children and the environment. There is a bin provided by the school car park.

### Awards for Spring Half Term

Endeavour	Achievement
Admiral—Sophie Harvey	- Kalina Zurawska
Beacon—Evie Sooley	- Penny Firks
Discovery—Jasmine Mallett	- Macy Mortlock
Majestic—Annabelle Firks	- Ellie-Mai Gardiner
Noble—Mitchell Sharman	- Kane Taylor
Pioneer—Harriet Culley	- Zach Mortlock
Victory—Lewis Mason	- Taylah Hodgson

## Upwell Community Primary School

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## NARROW WATERS

*Narrow Waters has been made a Finalist for the Rural Oscars. This is a national competition where you have to be nominated. It came out of the blue and I was totally amazed. I go to the Houses of Parliament on the 27th April to see if I win the Oscar. I am delighted to say that being a National finalist was terrific. You can see all the details on The Countryside Alliance website. I am a finalist in the tourism group, for bringing tourism to the Fens!*  
 Sheena Hartley



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## Private Hubert Hardiment 1895-1916

Possibly the unluckiest soldier to feature on the Upwell War Memorial is Hubert Hardiment. Not only was he a member of the Battalion Police of the 4/1<sup>st</sup> Cambridgeshires, a Territorial Army regiment based in Bury St Edmunds, but also he was on leave at his lodgings when he was killed. Hubert was born in West

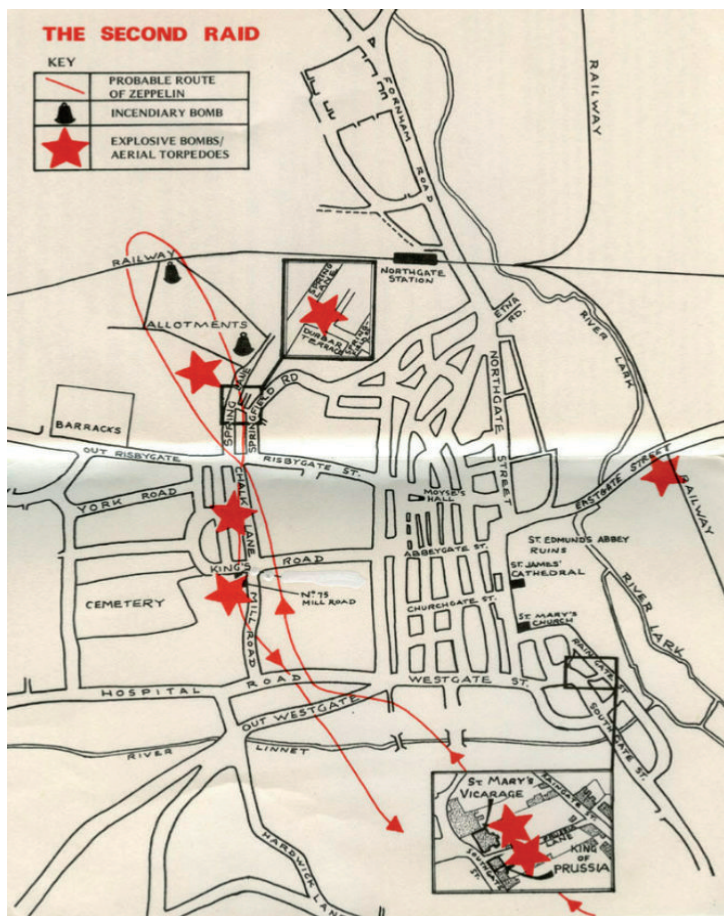
Walton in 1895, but lived at the Pingle with his parents (in 1911 he was a farm labourer) until he was married to Pauline Hemy at Wisbech in 1914.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> 1916 he was in lodgings just off Chalk Lane in Bury St Edmunds, on leave from his barracks which were close by. Pandemonium drew him outside to investigate. What he discovered was a relatively new terror at that time – an air raid. Although there had been a bombing raid on Bury St Edmunds in 1915, no-one had been injured, and it is questionable whether the real danger was appreciated even a year later.

In 1916 Airship Zeppelin L16 was one of a force of nine which had set off from Germany to raid the eastern counties of England. Two turned back due to technical problems, but the other seven continued on their mission and killed 28 people throughout eastern England. Hubert was one of seven unfortunate people in Bury – the other six were all civilians – to lose his life to the bombs dropped by L16. Ironically, if he had been on duty in the barracks he would not have been killed, even though the bomb that killed him was thought by some to have been aimed at the barracks.

His body was brought back to Upwell and he is buried in St Peters churchyard.

Steven Calton



Left - the path of L16 over Bury St Edmunds

Right - aftermath of one bomb - possibly Chalk Lane



**NB Also see page 10**

Hello again,  
Welcome to our quarterly update about Upwell Town Football Club. I'm pleased to be putting this together with so many highlights for all 3 teams!

At the time of writing this all 3 teams are in a league position where they will be looking to challenge for

promotion from their respective divisions. The first team are in a Cambs county semi final and the A team are in a league cup last 16. The reserves hold the only unbeaten record of 2016 within the club.

Since New Year the **first team** have played 7, won 6 and lost 1. Their results are below:

2/1 home vs Chequers W 4-0

9/1 home vs Benwick Athletic W 5-2

16/1 away vs Wimblington Reserves W 6-0

23/1 home vs West Row Gunners W 3-1

30/1 home vs The Eagle W 2-0

6/2 home vs Whittlesford United Reserves L 3-0 (Lower Junior 1/4 final)

13/2 away vs Isleham Warriors Away Walkover Win awarded - Isleham couldn't raise a team (John Ablett 1/4 Final).

The league results sees the first team placed in 4th with a number of games in hand over everyone in the league. This will see the team play 9 games in April, but the fixture pile up doesn't bother first team manager, Karl Schultz. "We may have a busy last month of the season but I'm full of confidence in my lads. We've got a large squad of players

for the first team and players from the reserves and A team are all equally able to step up and do a job for us. Providing we don't drop any silly points it should be a straight forward battle with AFC Barley Mow from Huntingdon for the league title."

**Upwell Reserves** are quietly racking up the points in division 5B and should be treated as dark

horses for promotion. With only 5 points separating 2nd down to 6th and almost every game which remains for John Trowers men being at home, they've got a decent chance of surprising everyone and achieving a top 4 finish.

Upwell Reserves have already surpassed last seasons points total and have plenty of games left to further that total.

Results since New Year:

23/1 home vs Benwick Athletic Reserves W 6-0

30/1 away vs Ely Crusaders Reserves D 1-1

13/2 home vs Barton Mills W 3-0



John Trower is delighted with the progress shown by his squad. He had this to say about his possible promotion challenge "Guyhirn are head and

shoulders above everyone this season & will run away with the league title. But with it being so tight between 2nd and 6th, it's all to play for. Our goal difference isn't as healthy as I would like it to be, but almost everyone of our opponents have to come to us. So that in my mind is a great advantage to have."

Finally, **Upwell Town A** are locked in a 3 horse race for the North West Norfolk FA division 3 title with South Creake & Denver. The A team are second, on goal difference, but it's still all to play for with all 3 teams to play each other. This will surely be an interesting title race to watch as the youngsters push experienced heads all the way.

Results since New Year:

2/1 home vs Birchwood Reserves W 7-2

9/1 home vs Heacham A L 4-2

30/1 home vs Hunstanton Reserves W 3-2

13/2 home vs Pentney W 6-1

Manager, Harry Griffin said "we lost our advantage in the league after losing to bogey team Heacham. South Creake &



Denver have maintained the pressure on us, but all 3 teams are almost in a division of their own! We've already beaten our points total achieved last season under Marshland Saints Reserves and have benefitted from a better set up. We are now looking at our last 6 league games & treating them all as cup finals. We know it's all in our hands and achievable. It's just a case of maintaining focus!" Harry's men also have a slight distraction from the league in the form of the last 16 of the Charlie Day cup.

**Alison Schultz**



## Upwell Hall News

It's been quite a few issues since the Upwell Hall has had a write-up in the Community Magazine, hopefully this will put it right. The Hall Committee employed a new Hall Manager and cleaner from 4<sup>th</sup> January. Our new cleaner, Lorraine, is doing a splendid job on keeping the hall clean and tidy for all our users. Dameon is our new manager, being responsible for taking enquiries, bookings and taking care of all the admin. If you would like to enquire about hiring the hall, please contact Dameon on 01945 773122 or email him on :- [upwellvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:upwellvillagehall@gmail.com). Dameon can now email booking forms out as an attachment, which can be filled out on your computer and then printed off and posted back with any deposit, along with all the other paperwork.

Upwell Hall is available as three hire venues in one. You can hire just the committee room, which is ideal for smaller meeting groups with its own tables and chairs. You can hire just the main large hall for larger public meetings or events. Or you can hire the main hall and committee room together, ideal if you have a party with buffet style food where the committee room can be closed off until required. All hirers have full use of the kitchen facility at no extra charge. Hire charges are by the hour (minimum and maximum hourly charge rates) or for the whole day. Contact Dameon with your requirements. The Hall has a great range of regular hall user groups too, who meet weekly or monthly, daytimes and evenings. A list of these groups can be found in the Hall notice boards as well as their contact details, along with various posters, or follow the link on the Upwell Parish Council website :- [www.upwellparish.com](http://www.upwellparish.com). In the past, several suggestions for regular weekly activities have been made or enquired about, but unfortunately it has either been impossible to find someone to run the suggested event or find a convenient time slot due to other regular users.

Forthcoming events being organised by the committee to date include the return of the hugely successful 2015 **village Yard Sale**, the brain child of committee members Linda and Brian Carr. This year's event is on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. The village Yard Sale has all the benefits of a car boot sale, but it's at your own home and you don't have to load and unload the car to do it. The starting point is Upwell Hall, where maps showing the locations of the sellers can be obtained as well as light refreshments. If you're interested in booking a pitch (£5), then please call Linda or Brian on 01945 774145 for more details. There is also another **Race Night** in conjunction with Upwell Playing Field Committee and Upwell Bowls Club taking place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, this was another hugely successful event last year. A **Produce Show** in conjunction with Upwell Playing Field Committee is scheduled for **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

The Upwell Hall committee is also staging a local **photographic competition**, which will run from the time you receive this magazine with the final entry submission date of **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. Entries will be put up for judging at the Produce Show. The winning photograph for each category and age group will be professionally mounted and framed for display in Upwell hall and included in a proposed Upwell Calendar. The committee room at the Hall also has some black and white images taken in the early 1900's. We are including in the competition a 'then and now' category where it is hoped interested entrants can reproduce a modern day image of these early photographs. See the advert elsewhere in the magazine for more details of this event. The ever popular annual **Christmas Craft Fair** organised by Amanda is on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and the **New Year's Eve Dance organised by Ros is, well, on New Year's Eve**.

A new chapter in the running of Upwell hall is about to begin. After much discussion, the **Hall Committee is to take over the management of the bar facility**. Up until now, the bar service for hirers has always been provided by a third party. Recent niggles have prompted the Committee to undertake this daunting but exciting challenge. Upwell Hall is a Licensed Premises, and as such must comply with all Licensing Laws with regard to the sale of alcohol. No alcohol for any event must be bought into the premises by the hirer or guests. Under the nationwide 'Challenge 25' initiative, if you want to purchase a drink from the bar, and you are lucky enough to have the youthful looks of someone under the age of 25, you will be asked for proof of age. Once up and running and bugs worked out, it is hoped that a more efficient bar service will be available. The Hall Committee would like to have a 'bank' of **bar staff** it can call upon who would like to work behind the bar as and when required. If you are interested in this or would like to know more at this early stage, please contact the Hall Manager, Dameon on 01945 773122, [upwellvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:upwellvillagehall@gmail.com) or Ros Shorting (Hall Secretary) on 01945 773604.

The first **Upwell Hall 200 Club 2016 draw** will be taking place very soon, there may be a few tickets available. Upwell Hall is run on behalf of Upwell Parish Council by a small committee: we meet on the second Thursday of each month @ 7.30 in the committee room, and new members are always welcome. Current members consist of Andrew Harrison (chairman), Richard Melton (vice chairman), Ros Shorting (secretary), Amanda Williams (treasurer), Brian and Linda Carr, Pat Moat and Charles Martin. All can be approached with enquiries of joining the committee, buying 200 Club tickets or events. We would welcome an input of fresh ideas for fund raising events or activities, or just getting involved in your local community. Regular updates for events can be found in Welle-in-Touch every month.

**Andrew Harrison**

### Upwell Hall Photographic Competition

Upwell Hall is holding a photographic competition, which will run throughout the Spring and Summer, with entries to be submitted by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. Judging will take place at the proposed Produce Show on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Upwell Hall. The age groups are :- 11 years and under; 11 to 16 years old; 16 years and over, and is open to everyone. The only stipulation is that the photos should be taken, or recognised as being, from within the village of Upwell. The entry categories are :- Landscapes; Wildlife; Flora & Fauna; People & Places; Agriculture. Only one photograph per person per category.

There is also a special category of 'Then and Now'. The committee room of Upwell Hall has a number of early 1900's black & white photos. Upwell Hall committee would like to have modern reproductions of these scenes (either colour or b & w) to display beside their 100 years old counterparts. To view and

take a snapshot of these specific photos, please come along to Upwell Hall during the morning of Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 8.30 and 12noon.

Winning entries from each category will be professionally mounted and framed and put on display in the Hall. The winning photographs will also be used in a proposed Upwell Calendar. 'Then and Now' winners will have their photographs displayed in the committee room.

Pick up an entry form from Brian Tweeds Butchers in Town Street, John Spikings Butchers in St Peters Road, or request an email attachment form from the Hall Manager at [upwellvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:upwellvillagehall@gmail.com)

An entry fee of £1 is payable per photograph, with one free child entry. Entries should be A4 size on either plain or photographic paper. Please return your photograph, entry form and fee to either Brian Tweeds Butchers or John Spikings Butchers or any Hall Committee member.

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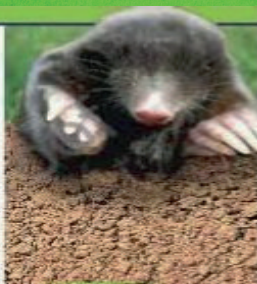
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## UPWELL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

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**A Valentines Dance** – February 13<sup>th</sup> at Upwell Hall dancing to “Sounds Familiar” 60s music – a brilliant night, and thank you to all who attended for supporting the Playing Field. A Sausage and chip supper was provided by Navradys of Upwell, Balloon Print provided the balloons for table decorations. Proceeds from this event have paid for the utilities bills received on 13<sup>th</sup> February! Our first **Carboot Sale** will be held on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>: 8am sellers, 9am buyers, but no doubt there will be enthusiastic sellers and buyers outside the gate when I arrive at 7.30am. We

will be ever weather dependent but what a year 2015 was – in one week we had 35 car booters and brilliant sunshine throughout. The usual bacon rolls, tea/coffee, will be available in the pavilion.

Our first **Horse and Pony Show** will be April 16<sup>th</sup>: first class will start 9.30am. We are looking for sponsorship please. If you would like to sponsor a class, help with booking in, be a “runner” or help with putting the posts and

rope up for the rings (it is an early start) please contact me on 01945 773604/07765045377

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> we are joining in with Upwell Hall and Upwell Bowls Club for another **Horse racing evening** – this was huge success last year with over 135 people attending and the proceeds of £1900 plus divided between the three committees. A finger buffet was prepared and donated by members of all three committees. A great evening, do support us this year, families welcome.

We are bringing our **Party in the Park** forward to Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. This will include music and bbq on the field, so any budding musicians who wants to sing, play, again let me know. This will be followed by our annual **Summer Fayre** on July 10<sup>th</sup> with a **produce show** to be held in conjunction with Upwell Hall, so start organising your jams, chutneys, flowers vegetables etc. It is open to local allotment holders, gardening groups or anyone interested in produce - co-ordinators are for UPFC Allan Gullon 01945 772354 and Charles Martin for Upwell Hall 01945 772239.

**Football:** Barry Carter 07713506477 They have some brilliant little lads/lasses from U8, through to U11s. If you wish your son/daughter to join contact Barry, training is on Tuesday nights 6pm – 7pm under lights!! Matches at Upwell on Saturdays unless otherwise notified.

Home fixtures as far as I know at present:

26<sup>th</sup> March U9,

2<sup>nd</sup> April U10, 30<sup>th</sup> April U10, 14<sup>th</sup> May U10.

3<sup>rd</sup> April U11, 10<sup>th</sup> April U11, 17<sup>th</sup> April U11



Upwell Hall  
set up for the  
Valentines' Dance

Dave Roberts is manager for the U18s - training on Thursday nights 6pm – 7pm. If your son/daughter wishes to join contact Dave on 07867488760. Matches are on Sundays Managers of the football teams **all do this voluntarily**, very often travelling straight from work **to train your children** - without them your children or grandchildren would not have a team. Please do pop down to the field and watch them train or play a game on a Saturday or Sunday - you will be pleasantly surprised. We have been fortunate enough to have some **advertising banners** donated to the UPFC, “old lettering” has been removed by Duke of Edinburgh Award student Tom Locke for his community work most of the glue has been removed by myself with just a little more work and these will be off to TLP Ltd for advertising our events. Thank you to Pip Read of Harwins Farm Shires for her generous donation and her support for the Horse and Pony Shows.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Annual General Meeting to be held in the pavilion Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm.



Car boot sales start April 7th

Horse and Pony Shows, April 16<sup>th</sup> May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup> Party in the Park, July 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre

September 17<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning.

LAST Car Boot Sale October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Raffle 15<sup>th</sup> December to be held where?

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## Kelly's Hair and Nail Salon

"...And she's brilliant, don't forget to put that."

So said an obviously very satisfied customer as she relaxed in the pool of sunlight that streamed through an adjacent window while Kelly filed her nails. Transformed yet again, the tiny 'bank building' on Town Street is now a hair and nail salon, owned and run by Kelly Smith who lives in Outwell with her husband, Kevin and her two children, Owen, 16 and Ellie May, 12, both at Downham Market Academy. Kelly was born and brought up in Upwell where she attended the Primary School, before transferring to Downham Market, followed by two years at Isle College to train as a

hairdresser. Her expertise with nails was acquired during a course with a company that specialises in nail extensions.

Kelly always knew she wanted to work in the beauty business and spent time as a Saturday girl in a salon in Outwell. After sixteen years working for another hairdresser in Outwell, she decided to take the brave step of branching out on her own, a move encouraged by members of her family and made possible by both the availability of the building and the fact that her children had transferred to Secondary School. It was a big move to make, but Kelly seized the opportunity and has no regrets as the business has taken off much more quickly than she could have predicted and is doing very well. I was amazed to learn that Kelly doesn't advertise but gets all her custom by word of mouth as she was already well-known in the area as a hair dresser, many people even remembering her growing up here. She also has a Facebook page which has generated a good deal of response in the form of reviews.

Kelly speaks enthusiastically about the products she uses: *Affinage* for hair dressing and *CND* for nails, both thoroughly tested and of very high quality. The latter is a French company and the lacquers are all hypoallergenic with no harmful chemicals. She offers gel extensions and shellac which is a polish that goes onto the natural nails and sets like a gel, adding strength but with no damage to the nail. It is guaranteed for fourteen days, though Kelly assured me it lasts longer and doesn't chip like ordinary nail polish. Her hair-dressing services include dry trims, cut and blow-dries, colouring, high-lighting, perms, putting the hair up, bridal and special 'does' for the High School Proms.

Kelly loves her work and doesn't mind working alone; in fact she is so busy that she doesn't get time to feel lonely. She is a sociable person and enjoys her customers' company. Like most busy mums, Kelly has little spare time and what she has is spent, not on her own hobbies, but centred on the children: Ellie May has a pony and Owen plays Rugby for West Norfolk.

It was a pleasure to meet such a lovely, friendly lady, dedicated to helping us ladies in the area with keep up our appearances.

Sylvie Short



## Consultation on Middle Level Navigation Legislation Amendments

As the navigation authority for the Middle Level system, which includes the Well Creek, the Middle Level Commissioners are seeking to update the legislation which currently governs navigation in the area. This is because the current legal framework is out of date and does not align with either modern requirements or the statutory framework applicable to other navigation authorities.

This is a complex procedure and will require lobbying Parliament to amend the Middle Level Acts and various other Statutes.

As part of this process, the proposals are open for consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Replies, marked "Navigation Consultation Response" should be posted to The Clerk, Middle Level Commissioners, Middle Level Offices, 85 Whittlesey Road, March, Cambs, PE15 0AH or emailed to [admin@middlelevel.gov.uk](mailto:admin@middlelevel.gov.uk)

The full proposal document can be viewed at <http://nabo.org.uk/files/MiddleLCConsultationLetterFeb16.pdf> but **in brief** the proposals are:

- To confer greater waterway management powers on the Commissioners and to allow them to provide increased facilities in connection with navigation on their own land or leased land by agreement.
- To enable the Commissioners to levy charges in respect of and to require registration of vessels using the Middle

Level waterways, including the ability to charge where vessels overstay maximum time limits (except in emergencies).

- To arrange mutual recognition of registrations, licences, etc., with other navigation authorities.
- To temporarily close sections of waterway for works or special events including the power to close the Well Creek at appropriate periods from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> March where conditions allow the traditional fenland pastime of ice skating.
- To remove (immediately if necessary or after notice in less urgent cases) sunken/stranded/abandoned vessels and recover costs from owners.
- To create up to date navigation byelaws.
- To require vessels to have insurance.
- To enable funds raised under such provisions to be dealt with and audited along with other funds.

This consultation is in addition to a previous draft application for a Transport and Works Order which has already been consulted upon (details at <http://www.middlelevel.gov.uk/Navigationconsultation.aspx>)

## RASCAL – (Residents Against Speeding Cars And Lorries)

We have decided to hold a regular meeting at The Globe public house on the last Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. We are making progress, slowly but surely, and would like to update you on that as well as creating the opportunity to get ideas from you for the way forward and possible future actions. If you think this village should be a peaceful place in which to live, then please come along when you can. We would love to see you and value your support. Meanwhile I have listed below a few areas in which a little progress has been made:

- We have had two meetings with Elizabeth Truss, MP who is supporting what we are trying to achieve and has suggested declassifying the route through the village so that it is no longer an 'A' road. She is keen to conduct a country-wide reappraisal of route hierarchy. She is willing to come and meet with us again.
- The results of using vibration machines in various people's homes show an unacceptable level of disturbance.
- Bob Johns was told at a recent meeting that if a speed camera is needed we will get one.
- Systematic speed watch and HGV surveys are being conducted. Two companies are already redirecting their lorries away from built up areas.
- During one hour 33 HGVs were recorded passing along Town Street.

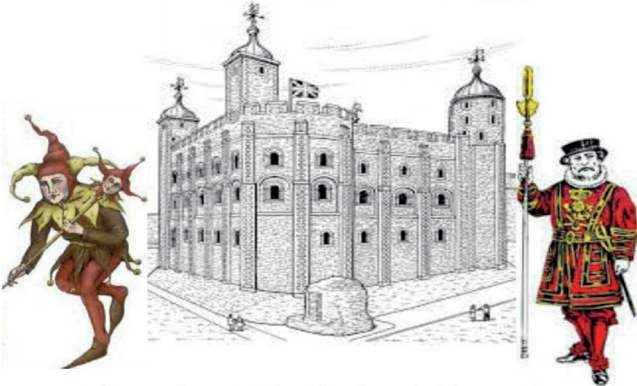
At a recent meeting Will Parker (PCSO) said he would email the policing team and get them to target this area more frequently. He will also carry out more speed checks.

The next meeting will be at The Globe on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. All are welcome.

Sylvie Short

Upwell Gilbert and Sullivan Society Presents

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### YEOMEN OF THE GUARD

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## Cambs 876 Remembered



Cambs 876 Remembered is a commemorative project devised and being conducted by Eastern Region members of the Riders Branch, Royal British Legion.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) records show that 876 Officers and Soldiers of The Cambridgeshire Regiment, who were killed during WW1, have memorials at home and abroad. The fallen are named in 208 cemeteries across 6 countries: UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany & Tanzania. The first man fell in 1914 and the last man died in 1921. The intention of the Riders is to honour all 876, as a part of the National WW1 centenary commemorations.

The first task will be to research each individual, to consolidate known or previously unknown facts and share all findings with a Royal British Legion project called 'Every Man Remembered'. Then the Riders will ride (where reasonably practicable) to each and every memorial on the 100th anniversary of each individual's passing and place a poppy cross at their memorial.

It would be wonderful if any family members of the Officers and Soldiers were to become involved in whichever way they feel willing and able.

The Riders will be paying their own expenses and it is not a primary objective of the 'Cambs 876 Remembered' project to raise funds. However, should any monies be offered as donation during the course of the project 100% of such monies will be donated to the Poppy Appeal via the Riders Branch.

**The first service to be held in Upwell will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 to honour Hubert Hardiment - see story on page 4 -ed**

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## THE GREENFINGERS GARDENING CLUB

The weather is still too wet to do any gardening so we'll have to work hard when it does dry up, but we mustn't grumble.

We've had some new members join us and also welcomed back two members who have been unable to come for some time due to ill health.

In January our speaker talked about Heathers, which was very interesting and in February Bill Smith gave a slide show on the subject of 'Fenland villages in the past', which everyone enjoyed.

In March the talk will be on Begonias and in April the subject will be 'Wine and Wildlife'. The June meeting will not be at the hall as normal. We will be visiting Peckover House, so the Rose Bowl competition will be held in July this year.

We are going on a coach outing to the RHS gardens at Wisley on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the weather will have improved by then and the gardens will be at their best.

**The next meeting will be at the Methodist Church Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm for a 7.30 start.**

**New members are always welcome. Details from Val on 01945 772247.**

Daisy Hearnden.

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# Acorn Club January Meeting



At the AGM held in January members of the club presented a cheque for £1300 to Matthew Hall of the local First Responders Organisation.

Cash was raised by members in fund raising activities throughout the previous year. New equipment will be purchased for use in the event of an emergency call for those in need of medical help.

After the presentation, supper was served by kind donation of the members. This year's serving committee was elected and this year's programme of events was discussed (see diary at rear of this magazine)

A raffle was held and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by us all.

**Any enquiries about the Acorn Club please ring Liz Ferris on 01945 774078**



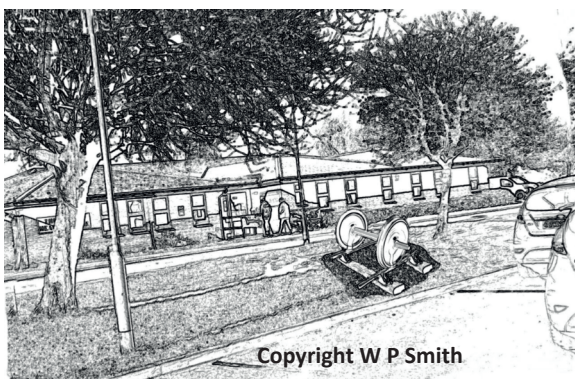
## ACORN CLUB MEETINGS 2016. THREE HOLES VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM.

- April 27<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Open Meeting an evening with artist Bob Harris
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Meeting Talk entitled Life and Times of a Fengirl
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Acorn Club Summer Supper
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Outing to Cromer and End of Pier Show
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Open Meeting Talk by Rebecca Green RSPB Fenland Wildlife
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Quiz Night
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Acorn Club Meeting Making Crackers for Christmas
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Acorn Club Social Evening to discuss 2017 programme

## The Wisbech & Upwell Tramway - A Permanent Memorial in Upwell?

It is a regrettable fact that there is no physical indication in the village that the Wisbech & Upwell Tramway ever existed. Given that it was history-making as a roadside railway and was given national - even international - fame by the books of the Reverend Awdry (Toby the tram engine) as well as being part of many of our childhood memories, surely something should be done to commemorate it for posterity?

Following on from an original idea by local historian and author, William P Smith, it has been decided to try to garner support for a



Left - Artist's impression of wheels and axle in the old tramyard near the Health Centre



Right - This Norfolk brake van was possibly used on the tramway and could be bought for the project

project within the village. What is done will depend entirely upon how much money can be raised. A baseline memorial, consisting of a pair of wheels mounted upon an axle and standing upon a short stretch of rail (although they are disappearing fast, it is still possible to do this with authentic parts) could be achieved for a few hundred pounds. At the top end of the scale, there is available a complete unrestored brake van which was used in Norfolk and could have worked on the tramway. This could be available complete with rails and sleepers to stand it on, for around £5000-£6000. Restored, this would look amazing. If you wish to support this project, please contact Bill, email: [william.smith@carrillson.co.uk](mailto:william.smith@carrillson.co.uk)

## THREE HOLES VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD

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**Easter Bingo** - in aid of Three Holes Village Hall, Sunday 20 March  
Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down at 7.00pm. Hosted by Carol & Eddie Manning (01945 773961).

**Annual General Meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7pm at Three Holes Village Hall**

Election of Trustee Committee Members - ALL WELCOME

We are keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering to become a trustee.

For more details contact: Helen 01354 610316

**Welle Film Project – screenings coming up.**

- *Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Brooklyn 12a – A 2016 Oscar Best Movie nomination - Set in the 1950s, the tale of a young girl torn between a new-found romance in New York and a family emergency back at home in Ireland.*
- *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – The Lady in the Van (12) – “Maggie Smith is excellent as the homeless woman who parked her camper van in Alan Bennett’s garden for 15 years” The Guardian*
- *Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – film to be confirmed*

Screenings start at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm) and costs are £2 per person. A licensed bar and refreshments are available.

**Three Holes Tigers Football Club.** The club is in its first season and doing well in the King’s Lynn Sunday League, Division 2. They are also busy raising money for equipment for the club and looking for new players and are working with the THVH&PF committee with the aim of bringing the club back to its original home at the Three Holes Playing Field. Anyone interested can contact Luke Etherington on 07920 755059 or email [lrtherington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lrtherington@hotmail.co.uk), donations are gratefully received.

**Three Holes Bowls Club.** With regular club meetings at the Hall on Thursday evenings at 7pm to 9pm, the Club is always keen to meet new members. Costs are £3.50 per session including tea/coffee. Contact Hazel Medlock on 01945 772327.

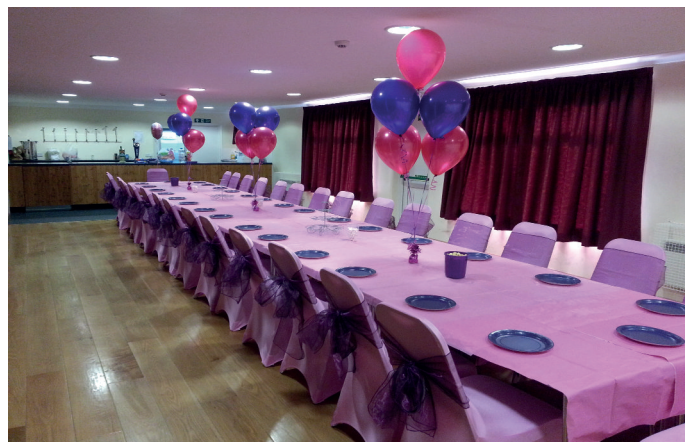
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## Let’s Walk - 2016 March to May

The local walks make use of the numerous footpaths around Outwell and Upwell allowing us to view the villages from different perspectives as well as helping to keep the paths open. The more distant and longer walks try to explore other parts of Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire and require car transport and sharing.

For the “village” walks, we normally meet at 1:30pm in the car park next to the Village Hall in Upwell, for the walks needing car transport we meet at 10am or 1,30pm in Sylvie Short’s drive behind “The Coach House” next to Brian Tweed’s.

Please be there with a few minutes in hand to allow for discussions regarding car sharing and directions. We share transport and walkers without are welcome to join us as we will always make car passenger places available. All we ask is a small contribution towards the Driver’s fuel costs. We operate as an informal group of friends and anyone joining us does so at their own risk.

#### PROGRAMME OF WALKS

<u>Date &amp; Meeting Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approximate Length</u>	<u>Guide</u>	<u>Driving Distance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am at SS	Barton Bendish	7.8 Miles	PH	31 miles	Take packed lunch or snack at Berney Arms Pub at end.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm at VH	Upwell Village Walk	3 to 4 Miles	SS	n/a	Local Village Walk Dog Friendly
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am at SS	Stamford	6.5 Miles	AG	39 miles	Lunch in Stamford Cafe
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00 at SS	Brandon Country Park	6 Miles	JA	28 miles	Packed lunch or café at end Dog Friendly
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 1.30 at SS	Wicken Fen	4.5 miles	SS	28 miles	Note later start time Tea in cafe
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00am at SS	Downham/Denver	5.75 miles	AG	10 miles	Take packed lunch or Lunch/snack at golf club

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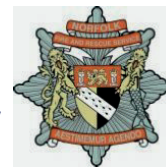
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## Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service – Outwell Fire Station



•Firstly as an update for those of you who are not aware, County Councillors have decided against any Fire Station closures, so we are safe to continue our journey to protect our community. I thank those of you who signed petitions on our behalf.

•Presently it is still all systems go at Outwell Station in that we are continually increasing our availability to protect our community each month and will continue to do so. I thank my crew and those who are making it possible.

•We currently have FF Jason Kent attending three days of an Induction Course. After today (Friday 4<sup>th</sup>) we expect Jason to be able to ride out with us to incidents. We wish him the best of luck. He has worked hard and deserves to be.

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During these colder months there are many people in our community who are not able to do many simple tasks for themselves. If you have neighbours like this could I ask you to perhaps keep an eye on their welfare and also check their smoke detectors regularly to ensure their continued safety?

**I urge everybody to drive safely as yet more cold weather approaches us.**

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#### Meeting Dates For 2015

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.

#### April

**4<sup>th</sup> Parish Assembly 6.30 p.m.**

Full Council 7.00pm

#### May

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 7:00pm**

#### June

6<sup>th</sup> Full Council 7:00pm

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> Full Council 7:00pm

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