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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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UPWELL, THREE HOLES AND LAKESEND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DECORATIONS COMPETITION

The elves will be out judging on the 18th December from 7.00 P.M

The parish council has a trophy for the best decorated house
Awards presented in the new year

Previous winners will need to update their display to be included

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FROM THE CHAIR



The final edition of the magazine for the year - and what a year it has been, it seems to have been an endless summer until the first cold snap on 18th November.

While global news talks of turmoil and tumult, in our little corner of Norfolk, Upwell has celebrated the Globe reopening under new management, Russells family butchers next chapter of success (have you tried their scotch eggs yet? Thank me later!), the church tower and buttresses have been successfully repaired and hopefully when you're reading this the scaffolding will be down.

The youth club for 8 to 16 year olds is growing in popularity, and the Upwell youth football is going from strength to strength under a phenomenal management team.

The Upwell village hall had extensive renovation over the summer and makes the perfect venue for your next party or event.

We have finally overcome the bureaucracy and with the help of Norfolk County Councillor Chris Dawson, the river bank will be more regularly cut next Spring.

I am so pleased to hear about every success story in Upwell Parish this year, too many to list. But of course, there are still challenges and we endeavour to keep working away to overcome them.

The charity vehicle run got bigger and better this year, with tractors and lorries touring the surrounding villages with Santa in tow. Now Christmas approaches and we look forward to seeing the village decorated for the festive season. The Parish council awards a trophy for the best decorated house, so feel free to go the extra mile with the tinsel this year!

Christmas is not all about presents and mulled wine, it is a time of reflection and gratitude. Remembering those less fortunate and enjoying some simple moments. The frosty walk home from the pub, the pealing of bells and the cold turkey sandwiches on Boxing Day. Not forgetting of course the mulled wine and the giving of presents not just receiving them.

Upwell Parish, you've been great in 2025 and we look forward to a prosperous 2026.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the team (the small army of volunteers!), behind the scenes, responsible for this wonderful magazine and its distribution. You know who you are, and wouldn't thank me for name dropping.

We are all incredibly grateful, it wouldn't happen without you.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Tom Fairbrother
Chairman

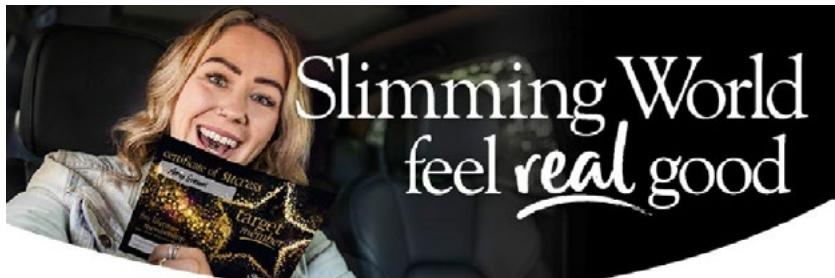
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SCAM ALERT - PERSONAL ALARM USERS REMINDED TO BE AWARE FOR SCAM 'DIGITAL SWITCHOVER' COLD CALLS

10 NOVEMBER 2025

We are continuing to remind residents who use personal alarm systems to be aware for telephone cold calls claiming that you need to make immediate payments or 'renew' personal or bank account details as part of 'digital switchover'.

This follows a recent warning from Careline Community Service at the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk after service users reported receiving telephone cold calls which stated they were from 'your care alarm service' attempting to take payments.

Careline are telling their service users that they 'do not charge for digital alarm upgrades and any rental increase is paid by direct debit'.

Our advice to all users of personal alarm systems is always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and never give or confirm any personal or financial details, make payments or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner. If you receive this or similar calls, hang up, wait five minutes and then contact your personal alarm provider using a number you know to be genuine to report the call.

Careline Community Service customers can report any suspicious telephone calls asking for payments for your Careline Alarm to them on 01553 616200.

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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING SURVEY (NPS)

Norfolk Constabulary is launching a new survey to help people shape policing priorities in their communities.

The Neighbourhood Policing Survey (NPS) – funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk - takes just five minutes to complete.

The responses will be shared with local policing teams to help them understand each area's different concerns, right down to the postcode.

Chief Supt. Wes Hornigold, local policing commander, said: "Effective policing starts with listening. This survey is another opportunity to tell us what matters most to you in your community – whether it's tackling anti-social behaviour, improving visibility of officers, or addressing specific safety concerns in your area."

"Your feedback will help inform how neighbourhood policing teams operate."

The NPS is the first survey to be launched as part of the constabulary's new Public Voice initiative.

Public Voice is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and forms a key part of its Police and Crime Plan.

The project is aimed at using best practice around data and survey design to collect better insight from the views of the residents in Norfolk and help provide a consistent method of priority setting by neighbourhood teams.

Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Sarah Taylor said: "In talking to people across the county, many people have told me that they would like to be able to understand how their local police set policing priorities in their local area."

"The Public Voice initiative is an exciting first step in responding to what people have said about police priority setting and has the potential, over time, to increase the intelligence that the police receive through other important channels such as Neighbourhood Watch."

"It has been set up to respond to quite a substantial need and has been specifically designed to be a future-proofed, recognisable communication tool over time."

"By receiving information from people across Norfolk, and combining it with robust data analysis, there is the potential for the police to create much more insight and then to prioritise work accordingly in different areas. This neighbourhood policing survey is a great opportunity for anyone living or working in Norfolk to help set the priorities for the police in their local area."

"If over the last 18 months you have talked with me, or sent an email to me, asking how to get the police to respond to a particular issue in your area, I would ask that you please give this a go. It can take as little as a couple of minutes to complete the survey, and it has the potential to make a great difference in your community."

The NPS is available in the top three non-English languages spoken in Norfolk, as well as in an easy read version.

The survey can be found on our website at norfolk.police.uk/npsurvey or can be accessed using the QR Code.



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COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER (CFR)

Welcome to the Community First Responder (CFR) section of your Community Magazine. Our area is proudly supported by the all-volunteer Upwell & Delph Group, which responds to hundreds of emergencies each year on behalf of the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST). As volunteers, we provide vital, life-saving care within the community and are entirely funded through charitable contributions. Our team also helps maintain several of the local Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and attends a wide range of emergency calls, from cardiac arrests to Careline alerts, all using our own personal vehicles. The group is made up of a dedicated coordinator and two trained responders, each volunteering their time alongside their regular day jobs. We are proud to serve our community and grateful for your ongoing support.

Hours on call in the last three months: ~ 233

This Week's Focus: Preparing for the arrival of the ambulance

When you call 999, being ready for the arrival of the ambulance or a Community First Responder (CFR) can make a real difference. A few simple steps can help reduce delays and ensure you receive the care you need as quickly as possible.

Be prepared

Make sure you know your full address and postcode, your phone number, and your What3Words location, (**for info see <https://what3words.com/>**). Keeping this information written down in an obvious place can help us find you without delay.

If it's night-time, turn on your lights

If you have an outdoor light, switch it on. Opening your front curtains (where appropriate) and turning on a few indoor lights can also help. Remember, CFRs arrive in their own cars and do not have blue lights, so anything that makes your home easier to spot is a big help.

Unlock the door

Ensure someone is available to answer the door when the CFR arrives. If you live alone, invest in a key safe and share the code with the 999-call handler so responders can enter quickly.

Secure pets

Pets are beloved members of our families, but even the gentlest

animals can become protective or anxious when their owners are unwell. Please secure any pets in another room to keep responders safe and be ready to arrange care for them if you need to go to hospital.



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Community Action

Since the last issue, the Upwell & Delph CFRs were pleased to deliver a presentation to The Blunt Family Trust. The Trust has generously funded a new AED and a full kit for our newest responder. This support has allowed us to extend our cover across the area, ensuring we can continue to provide lifesaving care when it's needed most.

The new kit has already been used and will continue to benefit our community for years to come. As CFRs are entirely charity-funded, donations like this are essential to maintaining and improving the service we provide. We are deeply grateful for the Trust's contribution and for the ongoing support of our community.

Next issue's focus: What3Words

Next issue, we will tell you about how the What3Words app can be used to find patients in remote locations.

If you would like to support your local CFRs or invite us to your event, contact: karen.hall@eastamb.nhs.uk

To learn more about becoming a responder, visit: www.eastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team.

Stay safe!

James
CFR - Upwell

Five Things You May Not Know

- wombats are the only animal whose poo is square shaped!
- Australia is wider than the moon.
- A group of flamingos are called a flamboyance.
- A sneeze can travel over 100 miles an hour.
- The biggest butterfly in the world, the Queen Alexandra Birdwing, has a 31cm wingspan.

UPWELL BOWLS CLUB

NEW ROAD UPWELL WISBECH CAMBS PE14 9AB

Although the season for lawn bowls has closed the work goes on to maintain the club house and grounds.

The green was scarified dressed and seeded in September. Its been growing well and the groundsmen have been busy keeping it in trim ready to face the winter months. Thank you for their hard work.

A huge thank you to the committee members that work so hard to keep our club going. Thank you to Dave Willgress who stood down at our AGM as Chairman and Andrew Brooks who stood down as secretary for all the work they have done over the years.

We are pleased to welcome Tony Rhodes as our new chairman and wish him well in the position. We are looking forward to working with him promoting and guiding us through the 2026 season. Malcolm Shorting has kindly offered to cover the secretary position together with his treasurer position that he continues to fulfil so well.

If you would like further information about our club. Please feel free to contact our team captains who would be very happy to provide you with any information you require.

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UPWELL AND OUTWELL AGE CONCERN LUNCH CLUB

CHARITY NO 1082825

As we get closer to the end of a busy year and the preparations for Christmas are well under way, it is lovely to take a moment to reflect on the highlights of our club's 37th year.

We have commemorated the Trouping of the Colour with a real East End lunch of pie, mash and liquor, celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day, enjoyed a special Harvest lunch and ventured on boat trips! Our membership has grown again this year, so word of the camaraderie and tasty meals has certainly spread!

But we haven't finished for the year yet! By the time you read this our members will have enjoyed a traditional Christmas meal at our first December meeting and sung along with a few festive songs and some hits of the 50s and 60s (will Santa be dancing if he visits, I wonder?)

On 16th December, we will be holding our annual 'Soup before Santa' charity event. We will have seven varieties of homemade soup available with baskets piled high with rolls, as well as mince pies and shortbread to enjoy with tea or coffee while we are entertained with live music. This year the members have voted for all proceeds to be donated to The Alzheimers Society.

Planning for 2026 is underway with lots of fun and hopefully a few surprises. If you would like more information on the club, please contact Jackie Scotton on 07584 735805.

Members - a reminder. We will meet on Tuesday 30th December and our first LUNCH session of 2026 is Tuesday 13th January. Usual attendance rules apply for both.

There will be a Tea on Tuesday meeting on 6th January.

Jackie Scotton

Secretary, Upwell and Outwell Age Concern Lunch Club

UPWELL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

What has happened since our last report? Unfortunately, we had to cancel our "Fun Horse Show" due to the weather and lack of interest. Many of you wanted it but despite advertising to our horse show community, the interest was not there and we do need a certain number of entries to make it viable.

The Football season is under way and well supported. The clean-up day did go ahead with some parents, grandparents, players and coaches taking part, working alongside committee members and volunteers. Leaves were raked up, flower beds in the garden were "dug over" by Mary and Sarah and planted with bulbs taken from the bottom where the concrete planters were. Further work needs to be done when it is dryer. We would like to thank John who saw our request for volunteers and came along to help, many thanks to all.

The Carpark was given a makeover with the help of Community Services. Posts from old goal posts were cut down by Ady Wales (thank you). The far end near the Bowls Club now has a barrier but space to walk round. This was necessary as unfortunately the speed some drivers have been using the carpark was creating a hole.

As mentioned in a previous edition of this magazine, we were awarded a new kitchen courtesy of the Howden's Game Changer Programme, and this was installed week commencing 20th October by our own contractors. New flooring was laid on 10th November, so just the decorating to go.

Hopefully, we will soon have some Christmas decorations up! Then it will be into the New Year - April 6th will be our **BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL CARBOOT**...followed by the opening of the regular carboot on April 9th.

Further events:

Bank Holiday Monday carboot will be April 6th, May 4th, May 25th and August 31st gates open 9.30am for this, usual refreshments and toilets available.

Fun Dog Shows: April 12th and September 6th. Horse show dates to be announced.

Our summer event Sunday July 12th will take a

slightly different format - not just motor bikes, but Festival of Wheels. So, anything with wheels! But all must be insured to be on the road or trailered into the field. Stalls welcome, our own BBQ, bar, tea, coffee and cake.

We would like to thank our main sponsors for the year: Fountain Foods, C.P. ALLEN, A.D. Hurst & Son Commercial Ltd., Top Dog Turf, UP. Power Ltd., Russells Family Butchers, Mo Blackford, Geoff Read, Ely Aquatics & Reptiles.

Our committee is: Ros. Shorting, John Spikings, Pat Moat, Mark Elliott, Alex Parnell/Upwell Town Youth FC, Jay Best, Rob Norris.

Should you wish to volunteer become a committee member please contact upfc@talktalk.net.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Merry Christmas everyone



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Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

You must be able to produce a poop scoop and/or disposable bags any time you are walking any dog. These requirements apply borough-wide. Exemptions apply to any blind person who uses a guide dog for assistance.

We have 16 dog waste bins in our parish and, as well as the initial buying costs, the parish council has to pay for these bins to be emptied. Until very recently, we paid £1,827.07 a year for this. **This cost has increased and we now have to pay in advance and our latest invoice was for £3,515!**

Actually, all parishioners pay for these bins through our council taxes! So, if you see any dog who does not have a responsible human picking up the mess, please report them as we provide an ample and costly service.

This can be done on line or by email to the Borough Council. Their contact details are on the 'Useful Numbers' page.

Remember, it is not the dogs' fault!

Upwell Parish Council

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short Mat bowls are played in Upwell Village Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1.45 pm to 4 pm.

We are a friendly group who always welcome new members, no need to have played previously, we can supply bowls for you to use. First session is free and then £3 per session.

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It was reported that there were greater numbers attending Remembrance services & events nationally this year, and this certainly appeared to be the case within our communities. In actual fact, there is an ever-increasing number of events taking place which are bringing us together. This may well reflect what's happening in the country today, however it has to be good for us and our way of life. Thank you to all who give their time to make this happen.

Some time back I lobbied for a fund to support loneliness & isolation, particularly in rural areas. From this the Norfolk Community Fund was born, and I'm pleased to be able to report that this has, and is in the process of, supporting a number of local groups and events.

Having recently supported the Upwell & Outwell Youth Club to deliver an enjoyable and informative display of all things 'owly', it was next possible to provide the Outwell & Upwell Luncheon Club with their Harvest Festival luncheon. Following on from this, support will be given to the Lakesend Village Hall Committee Christmas event, and a proposed 'film afternoon and tea' at Three Holes Village Hall, one I'm particularly looking forward to!

Sticking with attracting money into the area, Upwell Parish Council have kindly lent support to making an application for funding to make improvements from the bridge to the Playing Field access in Three Holes. Rather a complex set of ambitions, however it will mostly be about the money - the proposals include, improved drainage of the highway, cut-back and reduction of trees & hedging opposite the old bus garage, opening access to the footway (with kind assistance from the landowner), regularising the layby/parking opposite Waterways (with support from the proprietor), new signage to the playing field, and improvements to the access & parking area to the playing field, much needed by the young footballers in particular.

It was necessary to pay a high price for the support of the parish council in this project, and I do hope that I lived up to expectations on November 30th - as I wrote this, I was eating cake in readiness for the role.

As this is the last edition before Christmas I'll stick with the theme of spending - I very much appreciate that this is yours and my money, however 'it will be spent somewhere in Norfolk, so why not in our part of it' is my view. To this end I am pressing for the parking area outside of St Peter's Church to be properly tarmaced & drained and am continuing to lobby for improvements at the A1101/



Tointons junction (although of the many options explored few are actually deliverable) presently hedge reductions and the introduction of Dragon's Teeth!

Merry Christmas.

Warmest wishes,
Chris Dawson

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GREEN FINGERS GARDENING CLUB

Autumn colour has been spectacular and plants like Nerine enjoyed the summer sun and have produced stunning flowers. There are many lovely displays, often in front gardens, scattered around the villages. I am including a photo so you can try spotting them, if the moderate temperatures hold.

Club members visited Elgood's Garden in September, in pursuit of a rose which we donated 25 years ago, in memory of Geoff Hamilton, a much-admired TV gardener, who died in 1996. The owners, Nigel and Anne Elgood, were there to greet us. They explained that Muntjac deer had gained access to the garden and many plants, including the rose had succumbed. They had however bought a replacement and we were able to see it in situ, together with the original plaque. Elgood's Garden is now closed till spring but we hope to return to see 'our' rose in bloom.

In October we had a lovely talk from Gill, a volunteer from Tapping House (the Norfolk Hospice). She gave wonderful insights and informed us that they provide far more than end-of-life care for cancer. They offer respite care for a host of conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease, Dementia and Parkinson's. It's only a 9-bed unit but it supports over 1500 patients a year. Less than a third of its funding comes from the NHS and donations amount to over £4 million. This includes the 'Tulips for Tapping' displays in the fields near Sandringham in the spring, which raise a staggering £500,000!!! Well worth seeing, if you can bag a ticket, which sell out within hours.



In November we have our Annual General Meeting and in December, we have two gatherings. One will be our annual Christmas Lunch which will be at Crown Lodge Hotel. The other is in Upwell Methodist Church Hall on 18th December (2.30pm). We will be making Christmas arrangements from foliage etc.

This is always a fun afternoon and the variety of wreaths and table decorations produced is a joy to see. We will make donations to the club's charities in lieu of a Christmas card exchange.



We would like to acknowledge the support of the local businesses with our fund-raising efforts during the year. These include King & Partners (DM Estate Agents), Golding's Plants, Russell's Butchers, Rav's Fish Shop and Smith's Plants (Wisbech). Many thanks to them and, in return, we urge you shop locally as much as possible.

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With thanks to The National Lottery Community Fund @ tnlcommunityfund and everyone who plays the National Lottery. We were awarded £11,500 for our project.



The Village Hall is an all-electric building. The heaters were very old and inefficient, some of the heaters in the main hall were not working at all, the rest displayed partial failure and some gave off more noise than heat! The hall's internal and external lighting was old too, and replacement bulbs were becoming hard to find, expensive to buy and the running costs were high.

We have replaced the heaters throughout the hall with the most efficient and cost effective ones to heat each area of the hall in a reasonable time and to maintain a comfortable temperature for the length of the hire.

Also replaced with LEDs is the internal and external lighting. LEDs use 70-80% less energy than the equivalent incandescent bulbs, saving a substantial amount over the longer lifespan. A dimmable lighting option in the main hall will provide additional energy savings, reduced operating costs and enhance the atmosphere for various events by allowing for brightness customization. This flexibility creates different moods, from bright for meetings to subtle for socials, and improves the overall environment, making the hall more comfortable and versatile.



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COMMUNITY EVENT

THVH committee would like to invite you to a

FREE Film and Afternoon Tea on the 1st February 2026 @ 14.00 Doors open 13.00

We are screening: **Paddington in Peru**. When Paddington discovers his beloved aunt has gone missing from the Home for Retired Bears, he and the Brown family head to the jungles of Peru to find her. Determined to solve the mystery, they soon stumble across a legendary treasure as they make their way through the rainforests of the Amazon.

Due to the venue's limited capacity, please be advised we can only accommodate guests who have confirmed their attendance. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment RSVP by 5th January 2026 with your name, address, contact number or email address to secure your spot. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing you.

Email yasminwallbanks@gmail.com or phone Helen 01354 610316 or Christine 07791385878

Updates on availability will be posted on our facebook page. We look forward to hearing from you.

This event was made possible with thanks to the Norfolk Community Fund - Cllr Chris Dawson and the BCKLWN Community Fund - BCllr Colin Rose.

Roy Killingworth
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Want to see where your home might need insulation?

Thermal scan confirms roof insulation is working well, but cavity-wall insulation, installed many years previously, is failing.

Volunteers from Fenland and West Norfolk Friends of the Earth are offering village residents the opportunity to check the effectiveness of their home insulation using a thermal camera to detect heat leakage.

Anyone interested should email fenlandfoe@gmail.com for more information.

Gill (Outwell) and Sue (Upwell), Volunteers from Fenland and West Norfolk Friends of the Earth



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UPWELL AND OUTWELL YOUTH CLUB

NOVEMBER NEWS

It's been another fantastic month at the **Upwell and Outwell Youth Club**, with plenty of fun, laughter, and learning for our members!



Earlier this month, we celebrated Bonfire Night in true traditional style. The evening was filled with fireworks, sparklers, apple bobbing, and, of course, toffee apples, hot dogs, and burgers to keep everyone warm. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the festivities together – a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it such a special night!

As well as all the fun, our young members also took part in a basic first aid course, learning important life skills such as how to deal with minor injuries and what to do in an emergency. The children really engaged with the training and showed great enthusiasm throughout – we're very proud of them!

The Upwell and Outwell Youth Club meets every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Upwell British Legion, welcoming children aged 8 to 16. We currently have spaces available for new members, so if you know a young person who'd like to join, we'd love to hear from you.

We're also always on the lookout for **volunteers** to help us run our sessions – whether you can lend a hand regularly or occasionally, your support makes a big difference to the club and the local community.

For more information or to get involved, please contact **Sarah Fairbrother** at sarah.fairbrother@wga.co.uk



WELL CREEK TRUST

September Autumn Dance

The Trust held its Autumn ball last September 2025. The Trust would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. The dance helps to raise essential funds to maintain the Creek, especially with the challenging times we are going through with climate change.



Cygnets rescued from Marmont Priory lock

The Trust received an emergency message from one of its members, reporting that a cygnet was trapped behind the gates of Marmont Priory lock. The cygnet couldn't fly out of the lock and was trying desperately to get out. One of the members of the committee managed to unlock the gates and set the cygnet free, unharmed.

Annual General Meeting for 2026

The Trust will be holding its Annual General Meeting in Outwell Hall, on Friday 6th February 2026. There will be several guest speakers from the Trust who will be giving a pictorial presentation of Upwell and Outwell, along with the surrounding area. The presentation will include old historical photos of the villages and the Creek. Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting, there will be refreshments available at the bar.



TAILOR-MADE AWARD PRESENTED TO LOCAL HISTORIAN BILL SMITH

*CHAMPION OF THE WISBECH TO UPWELL
TRAM PROJECT.*

One year on from the installation of the sixth and final Memento, retired engineer and local historian, Bill Smith, has been presented with a very special award to thank him for the many years of commitment, determination and leadership that motivated the completion of the project to ensure that the Wisbech to Upwell Tramway will not be forgotten.

At its peak, six trams a day ran in each direction along the route from Wisbech, south through Elm, Emneth and Outwell before terminating at Upwell. Originally, it provided passenger and, most importantly, freight services for local produce to Wisbech and then via the main railway link to larger towns and cities.

Bill was taken by surprise during the interval of his Project summary presentation that he was giving at Upwell Village Hall on Friday 7th November, when the Chairman of the Well Creek Trust, Grahame Seaton, presented him with a working, scale model of the original steam tram (the Y6 (GER G15) 0-4-0) on behalf of the committee and members of the charity. The Project was conducted in accordance with the Well Creek Trust constitution, which allows it to support local amenities.



Grahame Seaton, said, "Bill dislikes rewards and surprises, but everyone felt this award needed to be made. Without Bill the Project would not have happened."

Bill said, "There was very little left of this iconic tramway, which has become internationally famous; I believe our heritage should be preserved. The tram memorabilia illustrates what the tramway was like when it was fully operational."



The Tramway is not only of importance to those from the Fens and railway enthusiasts but also to the millions of fans of Thomas the Tank Engine books, the creation of the Reverend Wilbert Awdry, who was vicar of the nearby village of Emneth between 1953 and 1965. Toby the Tram, Mavis and his coach Henrietta were based on the rolling stock used on the Wisbech to Upwell Tramway.

The Wisbech to Upwell tram Project was sponsored and supported by many businesses and individuals. It is truly a community achievement.

For details about all six mementoes marking the former Wisbech to Upwell Tramway, go to the Tramway tab on the Well Creek Trust website www.wellcreektrust.org.uk

Sue Lowe

Report a Problem

Did you know that you can report various problems directly to Norfolk County Council? This quite often is the best and quickest route.

If you have internet access, search for Norfolk.gov.uk and go to 'Report a Problem'.

There you will see all the topics you can report directly to them. You can also then track the outcome of your report.

Topics you can report on include -

- Roads, pavements and cycleways
- Public right of way and trails
- Manhole covers and potholes
- Grass verges
- Sign posts

You will receive an acknowledgement and updates from NCC.

BLUNT FAMILY CHARITY: WINTER UPDATE

I'm writing this in early November but I guess by the time you read this it will be close to Christmas. So a merry Christmas from the Blunt Family Charity to everyone in Upwell.

We have recently appointed a new trustee to replace John Richardson. Our new recruit is Nick Ashton. Nick has recently moved into the village to be near his family in Three Holes. Nick is a qualified accountant and has worked with charities before so will be an excellent addition to the trustees.

As I write this there is no update following the AGM on receiving a full set of estate accounts or the transfer of the title to the orchard land. Our solicitors are still on the case.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are here and keen to support Upwell residents with their education and health. If you are suffering significant hardship and need something to assist you we would welcome an application for support.

Organisations we have supported in recent times include the playing field, youth football club, the Friendship Club, both the Anglican and the Methodist churches and the new youth club. If you are a voluntary organisation in the village who need something please discuss it with us.

I hope you are all taking the opportunity, when the weather permits, to walk in the orchard nature walk. This has been the focus of our activity since our inception and is a wonderful asset for the village. Please help us to keep it in good condition and report any vandalism you witness to the local police. It is a terrible shame for the community when something provided free is abused and damaged.

There is one thing the trustees would value your feedback on. If you, a family member or friend are disabled in any way please share your experience of gaining access to and getting around the orchard.

What problems, if any, have you encountered? You can email us on bluntfamilytrust2019@gmail.com with your feedback. Thank you.

The Blunt Family Charity wishes you all a healthy and prosperous 2026.

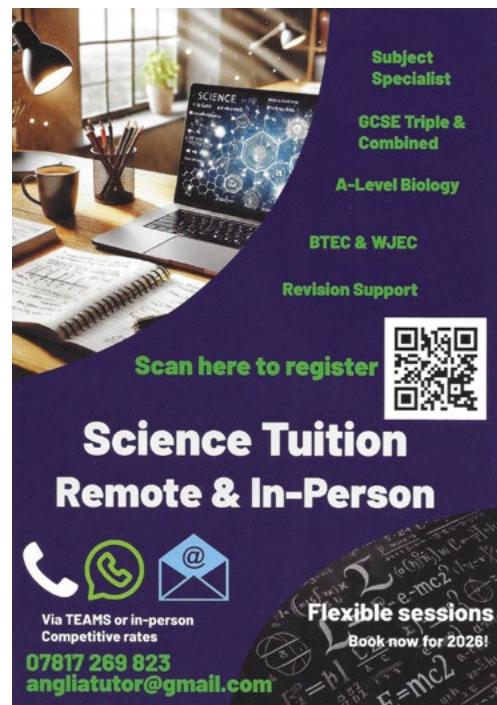
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Do you live in the village of Upwell?
**Is your community organisation
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If the answer to either of these questions is yes, then you are eligible to apply to the Blunt Family Charity for a grant.

The charity was set up in 2019 using the generous legacy of Edith Blunt of St.Peter's Road, Upwell.

Website <https://theblunttrust.com/>
please email us:
bluntfamilytrust2019@gmail.com
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ROOTED IN OUR VILLAGE, REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

- A MESSAGE FROM UPWELL ACADEMY'S
NEW PRINCIPAL



My name is Chris Harris, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the acting Principal of Upwell Academy. It is an honour to lead a school that sits at the heart of this vibrant village, with a proud history and an exciting future. Since joining the Academy, I have been struck by the warmth of the welcome from pupils, parents, staff, and the wider community. Upwell is a place where people care deeply about one another, and that sense of belonging is something we want every child to experience every day.

At Upwell Academy, our guiding statement is: **'Rooted in our village, reaching for the future.'** This reflects our belief that education is most powerful when it is grounded in strong community ties and driven by high aspirations. Our core values are central to everything we do: Empowerment, Achievement, Motivation, and Transformation.

Empowerment gives children the tools and confidence to take ownership of their learning. Empowered learners become independent thinkers and problem-solvers.

Achievement celebrates success in all its forms – academic, personal, and social – because every step forward matters.

Motivation inspires curiosity and a love of learning. When children are motivated, they don't just learn for tests – they learn for life.

Transformation is the ultimate goal. Education changes lives, and we aim to help every child grow into the best version of themselves, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

These values are underpinned by our ethos that focuses on Aspiration, Belonging, Integrity and Community.

Aspiration means encouraging children to dream big and believe in their potential. Whether it's aiming for academic excellence or developing talents in sport, music, or the arts, we want every child to set goals and work towards them with confidence.

Belonging is about creating a safe, inclusive environment where every child feels valued. When children feel they belong, they are happier, and happiness fuels learning.

Integrity teaches honesty, fairness, and responsibility. These qualities help children make good choices and build trust – essential skills for life.

Community reminds us that our school is part of a wider family. We collaborate with parents, local organisations, and businesses to enrich learning and strengthen village life.

One of the joys of leading Upwell Academy is seeing how closely the school and village work together. This term has been full of wonderful examples.

Our Pumpkin Carving Competition was a huge success thanks to the generosity of a local business, which provided 200 pumpkins for families to enjoy a creative challenge. The results were incredible – from spooky faces to intricate designs – and it was fantastic to see so many families taking part.



We also celebrated Harvest Festival at Upwell Methodist Church. Our pupils and school community came together to give thanks for the season's blessings. They sang beautifully, shared readings, and donated food to the Wisbech foodbank, to support those in need. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of gratitude and giving.





On Armistice Day, our children laid a wreath at the village war memorial. This solemn act of remembrance helped them understand the sacrifices made by previous generations and the value of peace.

As we approach Christmas, we have some wonderful activities planned.

Our Christingle Celebration will take place at St Peter's Church, bringing light and hope as we enter Advent. It's always a magical moment for children and families alike.

We will also be crafting Christmas decorations for St Peter's Church, helping make the church sparkle for the festive season. These events are more than

seasonal fun - they strengthen the bonds between school, family, and village life.

Upwell Academy is more than a place of learning; it is a hub of community spirit. When children see adults working together - whether it's parents volunteering, local businesses supporting events, or churches opening their doors - they learn the value of cooperation and kindness. These lessons are just as important as maths and English because they shape the citizens our children will become.

I am excited about the journey ahead. My commitment as Principal is to ensure that Upwell Academy continues to be a school where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to achieve their best. Together - staff, families, and community - we can give our children the strongest possible foundation for the future.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly. I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events and working together to make Upwell Academy a source of pride for our village.

Chris Harris

Principal, Upwell Academy
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Sunday 21st December

10.00 am Family Service

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December

4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December

10.00 am Holy Communion (Said)

Everyone Welcome

I am Raine Thorrold, I was born at Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and grew up in London. After raising a family of three sons, I moved to Witchford, Ely, then moved to Upwell in 2007.

After recent years of study at Ridley Hall Cambridge, I am proud to announce that on Saturday 4th October 2025, I was licensed as a 'Children & Families Licensed Lay Minister for Upwell and Outwell' by Bishop Dagmar at Ely Cathedral.



I am a retired primary school teacher, with approximately 45 years of working with children from nursery to end of primary school. Currently I am a school committee member for Upwell Academy. I regularly present assemblies at both Upwell Academy and Beaupre Community Primary School. I try to build links between the schools and the church; for example, children from these schools have previously made poppies using all kinds of media to decorate the church and a cross display at Easter. I am hoping both schools and the youth club will join in with an angel display at Christmas.

I lead the Family service at St Peter's church every third Sunday as well as support at baptisms. I recently took an active role at Upwell Remembrance service and as we begin the run up to Christmas, I will be supporting both church and schools with Christingle services, Carol services, and crib service. I look forward to meeting more of you, come along and say 'hello.'



Join us for Christmas

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
6pm

Christmas Day Service
10am

at Upwell Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

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T7

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

	T7	T7														
Wisbech Horse Fair Bus Station	0615	0715	0815	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915	2015	
Emneth Tram Station Lane	0623	0723	0823	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1623	1723	1823	1923	2023	
Outwell Bloom and Wake Garage	0635	0735	0835	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1735	1835	1935	2035	
Upwell Village Hall	0648	0748	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1648	1748	1848	1948	2048	
Christchurch Crown Road	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	
Manea Rose and Crown	0715	0815	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915	2015	2115	
Manea Fallow Corner Road	0720	0820	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820	1920	2020	2120	
Chatteris East Park Street	0735	0835	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1735	1835	1935	2035	2135	

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

	T7	T7														
Chatteris East Park Street	0740	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1740	1840	1940	2040	2140	
Manea Lavender Corner	0755	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	1855	1955	2055	2155	
Wisbech Road	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	
Christchurch Crown Road	0815	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915	2015	2115	2215	
Upwell Village Hall	0827	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1727	1827	1927	2027	2127	2227	
Outwell Bloom and Wake	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1740	1840	1940	2040	2140	2240	
Emneth Tram Station Lane	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750	1850	1950	2050	2150	2250	
Wisbech Horse Fair Bus Station	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1905	2005	2105	2205	2305	

Tea on Tuesday

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I was fascinated to read recently about the history and ceremony surrounding the Japanese Tea Ceremony, where the guests can enjoy hospitality in an atmosphere distinct from the fast pace of everyday life. A traditional, formal tea ceremony gathering can last up to four hours!



No standing on ceremony at our Tea on Tuesday -but you can be guaranteed a smile, a friendly welcome, cake and lots of tea (plus a savoury or two!) and a chat with friends old and new, and still be home before it gets dark! There is no membership required, no charge (we just ask for a small donation if possible to help keep the club running) and no obligation.

Why not pop along to our first session of 2026 on 6th January at 2pm? We meet in the Upwell Methodist Church Hall on alternate Tuesdays

If you would like to know more about our fortnightly afternoon tea please phone Jackie on 07584 735805 or Email: jackiescotten51@gmail.com

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PS - Do you like baking and could promise us a cake once a fortnight? If so please contact me on the number above.

Jackie



UPWELL VILLAGE HALL

WINTER 2025

Upwell hall has had a good year with our facilities being enjoyed by our regular hirers for their many varied events from Keep Fit to Ballroom Dancing and by individual hirers for parties, meetings and celebrations.

This year saw a change to our hall bookings and events management. Rob Shaw stepped down from the role as he now has many work commitments. The committee and I would like to thank him publicly for all the hard work and commitment he gave to the hall.

We now have two very able people in Charlotte Hilton and Alan Gant, who have jointly taken over the roles for management of the hall.

For booking the hall and enquiries on hire, please contact Charlotte at upwellhall@gmail.com.

You can phone Alan on 07488571106 who can assist with hall enquiries and pre booking visits etc.

The hall has a new website

www.upwellvillagehall.info/ where you can also find the booking form and particulars, with the ability to see if your chosen date is available and book online. There is also a get in touch form if you would prefer someone to contact you.

The committee held the Hall's Christmas Fair on the 23rd of November which was again a success, with a packed hall of stalls and varied crafts on sale. A big thanks to all who attended, and to the committee members and volunteers who assisted and helped on the day. We shall soon be organising 2026's!

We continue our work to update and revitalise the hall, with plans on decorating and renewing various doors to bring them up to standard. It's all an on-going project and we do what we can when it can be afforded. Your support of the hall is therefore invaluable.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Christine Aston
Chair

ROUGH WINTERS



1933

Towards the end of December came one of the worst blizzards to hit Britain. In parts of the North, Wales and the Midlands, there were 48 hours of continuous snowfall, and elsewhere it was almost as bad. A group of 23 shaggy-haired, long-horned Highland Cattle were frozen together by their matted fur at Welney, Norfolk as temperatures dropped to -21C. Oxford had 16 consecutive days of frost, and Kew along with Huddersfield had more than 2ft of lying snow and there were 14ft drifts on Yorkshire's moors and dales. Villages from the Midlands to the Scottish borders were cut off.

1947

January saw the start of one of the longest periods of lying snow in British history. Snow fell somewhere in the country every day from January 22 to 17 March. Nearly a quarter of the nation's sheep died. At Writtle, Essex, on January 29, a temperature of 5.8 F or -21 C was recorded equalling that seen in 1933, and most of East Anglia experienced nothing warmer than -5C. No sunshine for 20 days from January 2.

1952

From December 5-9, there was one of the worst smogs ever to fall on London. This combined with the bitter cold caused 12,000 deaths. The rest of the winter brought snow storms and prolonged sub-zero temperatures.

N.B. The frozen herd story can be treated much the same as the story about King John's jewels being lost in The Wash.

Bill Smith



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Downton Abbey The Grand Finale (PG)

Sunday 1st March - 2pm

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UPWELL TOWN YOUTH FC – WINTER UPDATE

As the year draws to a close and winter settles in, it has been another hugely positive and progressive period at Upwell Town Youth FC. The season is now well underway across all of our age groups, and it has been great to see the children continue to grow in confidence, develop their skills and enjoy their football each week. Our teams have made an encouraging start to their league campaigns, and the energy at training and on matchdays has been fantastic to see.

One of the major highlights of the autumn has been the continued success of our Upwell Wildcats girls programme. In just a short space of time we already have 12 enthusiastic girls taking part in the weekly sessions on a Wednesday evening. The group has created a brilliant atmosphere and there is still space for a few more to join. If your daughter would like to give football a try, please get in touch via our Facebook page.



Our youngest age groups continue to be at the heart of the club. Our 3 to 5 play phase is thriving, with children taking their first steps into football in a fun, welcoming and confidence building environment. This is a wonderful introduction to the game for preschoolers and early years children, and new faces are always welcome. Anyone interested can contact us on Facebook or by emailing the club.

There has also been excellent progress with our facilities. The PitchPower projects in Upwell and Three Holes are now well underway, marking a major investment in the long term development of our pitches. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ben Hails at Hails Groundcare whose hard work, dedication and expertise have been central to getting both pitches prepared and improved. The difference already visible on the ground is a testament to the care and effort being invested behind the scenes.



We are also delighted to shine a light on one of our former volunteers, Sean Best, who was highly commended in the Norfolk FA Volunteer Awards this autumn. Although Sean has now stepped away from coaching, this recognition reflects the commitment, positivity and care he brought to the club during his time with us. We are proud to see his contribution acknowledged and grateful for everything he did for UTYFC.

We would also like to give our sincere thanks to the Upwell Playing Field Committee and the Three Holes Playing Field Committee. Their ongoing support, collaboration and willingness to work with us throughout the year has played a huge part in the continued growth of the club. From access to pitches and facilities to help behind the scenes, their contributions make a real difference to the experience our young players enjoy every week.

Fundraising continues to play an important part in supporting the club. While our planned bingo night has been moved to the spring, tickets for our fundraising ball in 2026 are still available and we are looking forward to what promises to be another brilliant night for the community. Further updates will be shared on our social pages.

As we move into the festive period, we would like to take the opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors for their generosity and support throughout the year. Our gratitude goes to Russells Butchers, The Blunt Trust, Mortgageability, NoLettingGo, HL Interiors, MundoMac, i3 Secure, CSS, Carpe Diem Football Coaching, JAS Electrical, Fenmarc, Frances Rayner Fitness and Wellbeing Coach, the Co-op and the Tesco Groundworks scheme. Your backing has helped us provide kit, equipment, facility improvements and opportunities for our players, and we are genuinely grateful for everything you do for the club.

Finally, we would like to recognise and thank the people who keep UTYFC moving forward. Our coaches who give their time in all weathers. Our growing committee and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. And our parents whose support and enthusiasm are felt every single week. You all play a vital part in the success and spirit of our club.

This being our last update of the year, we would like to wish all of our players, families, volunteers and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for everything you have contributed throughout 2025. We look forward to an exciting 2026 ahead.

As always, UP THE WELL!

Alex Parnell

Chairman - Upwell Town Youth FC



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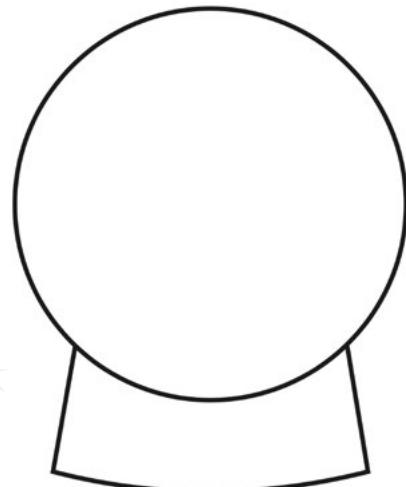
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QUIZ

1. What dish in Welsh cooking consists of boiled seaweed?
2. Which mythical creature has the head of an eagle and body of a lion?
3. How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
4. What art form is described as decorative handwriting?
5. What is Acrophobia a fear of?
6. How many minutes are there in a full week?
7. In which country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
8. What is the state capital of New York?
9. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?
10. What is Beaujolais?
11. Which country has won the most World Cups?
12. Simone Biles is famous for what sport?
13. Pink Ladies are what type of fruit?
14. What is the world's fastest bird?
15. Who was the first Disney princess?
16. What sporting event has a strict dress code of all white?
17. What luxury brand is known for its iconic interlocking C logo?
18. Which is the only body part that is fully grown from birth?
19. On which continent would you find the city of Baku?
20. How many European capitals does the Danube flow through?
21. How many faces does a Dodecahedron have?
22. How many stripes are there on the U.S flag?
23. What city do The Beatles come from?
24. What is the smallest country in the world?
25. What is the national flower of Japan?

1. Lavabread	Griffin	42	Albany	14.	The Peregrine Falcon	20.	4	Answers
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4.	Heights	11.	Brazil	16.	Wimbledon	22.	13	Cherry Blossom
5.	10,080	12.	Gymnastics	17.	Chanel	23.	14.	The Vatican
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angel - cookies - bell - gift - santa
wish - elf - snow - cocoa - milk



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PARISH LOCATIONS OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Knowing where these life saving machines are is very important.

Upwell Playing Field Pavilion.

New Road, Upwell PE14 9AB.

What3words: jumbled.presides.forced

Upwell Village Hall

New Road, Upwell, PE14 9AB

What3words: digs.crimson.waltz

Orchard Gardens

What3words: alone.disprove.galleries

Russells

School Road Upwell

What3words: Interacts.impose.sneezing

Three Holes Village Hall

What3words: adverbs.frozen.clown

Lakes End Village Hall

What3words: steadier.perfected.additives

Upwell Methodist Church

What3words: amused.lots.outfitter

Upwell Bowls Club

(available when club open only)

New Road.

What3words: interlude.cavalier.justifies



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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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7:00PM

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9TH

7:00PM

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