

# HEADS-UP!

*The newsletter for Headon and Upton*

April 2011

## St. Peter's Church

The Church needs volunteers to help clean and to do the flowers in church. If you could help with either or both of these once in a while, please let me know (248282), and I will put your name on a rota. No volunteers so far—please consider helping.

### Easter raffle

Thank you so much to all those people who welcomed me and gave so generously. I still have some more houses to visit, so I will shortly be calling on them with raffle tickets. Please give as generously as you can to help our church.

Any donations for the Easter hamper (anything chocolate from biscuits to cocoa) will be welcomed! Just call me on the above phone no. if you can contribute.

### Easter Feast

In order to commemorate the Royal Wedding, we have decided to hold the Easter Feast six days later than usual, on the day of the wedding, April 29<sup>th</sup>. It will follow the same format as in previous years, but instead of an Easter bonnet competition we will have a wedding hat competition, for ladies and gentlemen! It can be a real wedding hat, or something you have created. As before, the Easter raffle will be drawn on that evening, as will the 200 Club Grand draw. And, of course, we can promise you a good meal! Please, if you would like to come—and we hope you will—let me know by Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the latest so that we can organise the right quantities of food.

### Times of Church Services:

17 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Headon
22 <sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday	3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Headon
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil	Askham
24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00 pm	Group Easter Holy Communion with Bishop Paul	Dunham

Contact details for Rev. Julia Jesson: Telephone: 01777 870965

**A RIGHT ROYAL  
Easter Feast  
Saturday April 29th**

Great value at £8.00  
or £4.00 for under 10's

Please book early!  
For tickets **Janet 248282**

Menu  
Home made Soup  
Home-cooked Ham & Beef  
Salads  
New potatoes  
Scrumptious

200 Club annual draw  
- the BIG one!

Easter Raffle  
draw during the  
evening

Wear your wedding hat!

**7.00 for 7.30p.m.  
in the Village Hall**

## Parish Council News

### Notes from the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011

#### Severe Winter Weather

The Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a snow blade from Platts Harris Ltd in order that they can take over responsibility for snow clearing in the parish during severe weather. An order has been placed and the plough should be with us in the very near future.

#### Bus Shelter on Yew Tree Road

Our request for a bus shelter at Yew Tree Road, Headon, is presently being dealt with by Nottinghamshire County Council and we are informed that an installation is anticipated during 2011/2012. We have requested further detail on size and design of the shelter as it is important that the design be in keeping with the rural aspect of the village. If anyone has any thoughts on an ideal location for this shelter, please contact a parish council member with your suggestion.

#### Flooding Issues

A number of flooding issues are still being dealt with. Work on Thorpe Street has been recently completed to assist a flooding problem in that area of the village. A number of pot holes and problem areas have been highlighted in the parish and ongoing attention will be brought to the relevant departments until the areas are repaired and the problems resolved.

#### Community Emergency Plan

The emergency plan is complete and awaiting approval by the County Council.

#### Audit of Accounts

The Parish Council's year end accounts are now complete and ready for audit. Members approved the figures at the April meeting. Internal and external audits will take place over the course of the next 3 months and the accounts will be made available for public inspection during this period.

#### Karen de Torre – Parish Clerk

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#### Elections

At the close of nominations for the Parish Council election on 4<sup>th</sup> April, Bassetlaw District Council had received nominations only from the all the retiring councillors for Headon-cum-Upton and Stokeham and so Alun McKiernon, Beatrice McGlen, David Landon, Janet Landon and John Mosley were re-elected to represent Headon-cum-Upton and Eric Briggs and Maurice Briggs to represent Stokeham. Unfortunately there were no nominations for Grove and the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to fill these 3 seats. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor.

Although there will not be a Parish Council election there will be a poll for the election of a District Councillor for the Rampton Ward and there will also be a referendum on proposed changes to the voting system. The polling station in the Village Hall will be open from 7 am to 10 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

#### Police Report

There were 4 reported crimes in the last month:

11/03/11 – Greenspotts Lane Headon – Theft of stone trough (since recovered)  
14/03/11 – Main Street, Upton – Damage to oil tank  
16/03/11 – Main Street, Upton – Theft of heating oil  
01/04/11 – Main Street, Upton – Dwelling Burglary

PC 1695 Bill Bailey can be contacted on 0300 300 9999 ext. 807 7364

Mobile – 07910 336 844 Email – [Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555111—calls are confidential and the caller can remain anonymous if desired.

## Village hall

The AGM is to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, and new members would be especially welcome. Why not come and add your support?

There will be a Quiz evening on 7<sup>th</sup> May—see the ad on the back page. This will be a quite different sort of quiz to those we have hosted before, so we hope that you will come and "have a go"!

**Cinema**—the next film is **The Terminal** (Tom Hanks & Catherine Zeta Jones) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30.

## Tales from the woods

We came to live in the woods, on a permanent basis, over twenty years ago. We had bought the cottages from a dear friend, who, despite her love for them, could rarely visit and had seen them burgled several times, so despaired for their future. Initially we had come only to enjoy weekends away from the increasing intensity of town life.

These breaks became a boon as we struggled down the lane, our car overloaded with supplies and dogs we entered our new enchanted world. There were two cottages and a schoolroom. Originally the teacher lived in one cottage and the estate woodsman in the other. The school had attracted children from the local villages who trekked across the fields to receive an education. Each room told its own history; the paraphernalia of its previous occupants stored in cupboards and furnishings. There were photo albums, books and mementos of at least seventy years of cosy living, each new discovery was a romance.

Only one cottage was habitable and this was pervaded by the smell of paraffin lamps and firelighters. Because there was no supply of electricity or mains water to the cottages, much ingenuity was required to make our new home feasible. To our constant amusement was the discovery outside of an earth closet with a double seat; this brought a new meaning to the phrase "marital harmony". The temptation to try to live here permanently became overwhelming and armed with the naïve expectation that we could easily obtain a water and electricity supply, and having been burgled twice in our midweek absences, we succumbed to the temptation and took up full time residence.

To live here was to provide a unique insight into country living. Unlike the contrived television image of the semi-rural lifestyle it is amazing to realise the complexity of life without the mod cons we had previously taken for granted.

The darkness is so intense without neighbours and street lighting. The silence can be deafening without the noise of peoples' lives. However, the dawn chorus in Spring, the owls hooting in the night and the birds rejoicing in the garden are an ever-heartening delight for a townie like me.

This place reflects the seasons with their accompanying joys and hardships, like few others. It affords its inhabitants unique solitude, amusement and ambitions.

We have tried, in restoring the cottages, not to change their basic structure but adhere as far as possible to their history. A history enlightened by many anecdotes from visitors, plus older local villagers.

We have not changed the premises much, but the premises have certainly changed us.

So perhaps in the next few months I will be allowed to regale you with a few tales from the woods.

Maria

## Headon and Upton Theatre Club

Contact either Margaret on 01777 248053 or Paul on 01777 248385 for more information.

SHOW	VENUE	DATE	TIME	PRICE
Cranford	Theatre Royal, Lincoln	Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30	26.00
Michael Ball in Concert	Royal Concert, Nottm.	Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00	46.00
Pride & Prejudice	Tolethorpe Hall	Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	7.45	20.00
Sound of Music	Theatre Royal, Nottm.	Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	7.30	

**Regular and Forthcoming events in the Village Hall**  
**For further details of any notice please ring 248282**

**Fun Quiz**

Including

Music Round, Picture Round, General knowledge, and more...

Please bring your own food and snacks for your own table.

£ 2-50 per ticket    Everybody welcome !

Headon Village Hall

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm till late

**Regular and Forthcoming events in the Village Hall**

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.30	A Right Royal Easter Feast
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.30	Quiz
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	The Terminal Cinema
Tuesdays at 7.30	Whist Drives
(Alternate weeks – 12 <sup>th</sup> April etc.)	
Wednesdays at 7.30	Bridge Club
Fridays from 9.00	Social Club

**BLUEBELL DAY**

at

**HODSOCK PRIORY**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**10am – 4pm (last entry)**

Entrance £4.50 (under 5's free)  
in aid of NSPCC ChildLine & Helpline

Refreshments & light lunches  
available to buy

For more information ring 01909 473693

**Headon cum Upton,  
Grove & Stokeham  
Parish Council**  
Next meeting  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall  
**All welcome!**

**Baby sitting**  
Responsible 16 year old  
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**Mobile Library Service—New days and times**

With effect from 4<sup>th</sup> April the mobile library will visit the villages on Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December. Stopping places and times are:

Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart
Upton	Pasture Farm Layby	3.05	3.25
Headon	Church Farm	3.30	3.45
Headon	The Homestead	3.50	4.05

The library will also be at Grove Post Box from 10.05 to 10.20 and at Manor Farm Stokeham from 1.00 to 1.20 on the same dates.

For more information:

Call 0845 026 7972 (landline) or 07979 704125 (mobile)  
or email: [asklibraries@nottscgov.uk](mailto:asklibraries@nottscgov.uk)

**Village store**

**A new store is open on Askham road in  
East Markham**

We stock a wide range of products  
including fresh bread and milk  
made to order fresh sandwiches  
Hot coffees  
and daily and Sunday newspapers

Hope to see you soon

Terri & Paul

**Telephone 01777 872050**