



# HEADS-UP!



*The newsletter for Headon and Upton*

December 2009



A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!



## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

& GRAND RAFFLE DRAW

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8 pm  
in the Village**

**Hall**



Everyone welcome!  
The more the merrier!

Just bring a contribution to the party food!

We hope to see many of you at this party—it is a great opportunity to socialise with neighbours, exchange Christmas greetings—and Christmas cards if you wish—and just to have a good time in good company!

As before, we ask everyone to contribute some food suitable for a buffet such as cheese, sausage rolls, pizza etc. This always works really well, with a wonderful variety of scrumptious food. Do come if you can.

The **Christmas Raffle draw** and the **200 Club draw** will take place during the party. Two more good reasons for you to be there!

More raffle tickets are available in the Village Hall, and of course from me (Janet). There is more Village Hall news on page 3.

## St. Peter's Church Carol Service

This will be at 6.00 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, and is a joint service with Grove. The service will be followed by mince pies & mulled wine!

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December we would be grateful for any help in decorating the church with Christmassy greenery. The church will be open all day, (from 7.30 am) so if you can help you can come at any time which suits you. Contact Janet (248282) if you want to know more.

## Clerk to the Parish Council

Sadly, Jen Kirk has handed in her notice because of the pressures of her day job.

Jen has made a good contribution to the Council during the two years that she has been doing the job and has endeared herself not only to members of the Council but to all those with whom she has come into contact. Thanks Jen—we'll miss you.

Obviously the Council is now looking for her successor and more details of the job are on the back page

## Big Rubbish Collections

You may have read in the Retford Times that Bassetlaw Council is consulting about its proposal to discontinue this service. If you want to keep the service then please write to:

Mark Ladyman, Director of Community Services, Bassetlaw District Council, Queens Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop S80 2AH.

You may want to include some or all of the reasons for keeping the service set out on page 2.

## Parish Council News

### Notes from Meeting held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

#### Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

There have as yet been no takers for this post. If you are interested in having a say about what happens to the village in the future (there are many changes in the pipeline eg around planning/building) then here is your chance.

#### Withdrawal of 6-weekly bulk collections

Concern has been expressed from villagers about the proposed withdrawal of this service. The council have discussed this, and have agreed to put forward their objections around this—more about this below.

#### Provision of bus shelter, Yew Tree Road, Headon

The Council will ask the County Council whether there is a possibility of having this provided.

#### NCC Budget cuts

The proposed cuts to be made in services were discussed. Many have implications on rural communities eg the reduction in funding for local bus services and the withdrawal of support for community transport and volunteer car schemes. The full details of these cuts can be obtained from County Hall or on [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budgetforthefuture](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budgetforthefuture).

#### Clerks resignation

Sadly, I have had to decide to give up the post of clerk for the council. This is due to the pressure of other commitments (I have a 'day-job' which is growing!). I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the council, and will miss everyone on it. If anyone is interested in taking on this post, the details are in the advert!

#### Next meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL – Jen

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## Six-weekly Bulky Household Waste Collection

Bassetlaw District Council wants to scrap this service because, they say:

- it is being used by people from outside the district;
- it is being abused by people dumping building waste;
- it is unfair because it is only available to residents of part of the District Council's area;
- it reduces the Council's recycling rate by about 1%.

If you want to keep this service please write to Bassetlaw District Council (address on the front page) preferably before Christmas. Reasons to keep the service going include:

- Scrapping it will increase fly-tipping. Even if most of us are not so irresponsible, those who are already abusing the service certainly are, and if it were scrapped all the building waste would end up in hedge bottoms. At least now they are leaving their rubbish where it is easier to move.
- Bassetlaw Council is hung up on the fact that the service is unfairly not available to town dwellers. Apart from the fact that there are plenty of other services provided for people in towns (and not villages) e.g. community centres, children's play areas etc - why try to end the unfairness by scrapping the service rather than extending it?
- Many elderly and infirm residents, and those without transport, are unable to take their bulky and garden waste to a household waste site.
- It is more environmentally friendly for a lorry to visit several villages on a Saturday morning than for individuals to drive to the tip.
- Especially in the larger villages, people tour the streets on the evening before the collection seeing what they can scavenge. If the scheme were scrapped all of this rubbish would end up in landfill.

## **T**heatre Club

In 2010 we enter our 8th year as a thriving and very active Theatre Club. At the last count we had almost 150 members, and hope that as our activities are advertised over the next few weeks more people will become members as they discover the benefits we have to offer.

We plan to visit Toletorpe Hall again this summer, with the possibility of the lovely pre-performance meal to be included. Last year's trip to Scarborough was so successful that we hope to repeat that, too.

Our Social and Joining evening will be on February 5th at 8pm in the Village Hall. As those of you who have come in previous years will know, we have some nice food and wine, free for members and for those who sign on as members during the evening, £6 each for non-members.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Margaret

### **Our programme for the next few months**

For more information, please contact Margaret on 248053

Lord Arthur Saville's Crime	Lyceum, Sheffield	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.45	£28
Czech National. Symphony Orchestra	Royal Concert Hall	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30	£35
Whistle Down the Wind	Theatre Royal, Nottingham	Frid 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30	£44
Cosi Fan Tutte	Theatre Royal, Nottingham	Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00	£42
Peter Pan	Theatre Royal, Nottingham	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30	£41
Enjoy	Alhambra, Bradford	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30	£36

## **Village Hall News**

The **Over 60's Christmas dinner** was held last Saturday, and hugely enjoyed by the 30 guests who sat down to the traditional 4 course meal. We are grateful to Ann Pyper and her helpers for all their hard work in preparing such a feast.

The **Quiz** already seems so long ago, though it was only a month since. The hall was packed, and from all the feedback we have had everyone really enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to Patrick for running the quiz!

**Social Club** Can you think of a new name for the Social Club, something that sounds more welcoming? The Village Hall Committee would appreciate any ideas you may have.

**Christmas Raffle.** Thank you so much to all of you who have supported this raffle, by buying tickets, selling them and donating prizes. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you, too, for the friendly way in which you have responded when I came to your doors. It makes such a difference! I haven't been to every house yet, but still hope to do so.

## **P**olice Report

During the last five weeks there have been no crimes reported in Upton and 2 crimes reported in Headon - a burglary at Headon Camp and the theft of a motor vehicle.

The number to contact Nottinghamshire Police has changed. The local dialling numbers are to be phased out and the single number to call for non emergencies is shown below.

As always, any information that you feel may assist the Police can be passed through to me and will be acted upon in confidence. Any information can be sent through to me on the below numbers or by email.

**PC 1695 Bill Bailey**  
0300 300 9999 Ext. 807 7364 Mob. 07910 336844  
Email [Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Forthcoming Events and Other Notices`**  
**For further details of any notice please ring 248282**

**Church Services for December and January**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	6.00 pm	Carol Service, Headon
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Headon
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm	Candlelight Carol Service, Fledborough
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion, East Markham
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	Morning Prayer, Headon
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Headon
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion, Headon

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

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

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.00	Village Christmas party & Raffle Draw
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Angels & Demons (Cinema)
Tuesdays at 7.30	Whist Drives
Alternate weeks - 12 <sup>th</sup> January etc.	
Wednesdays at 7.30	Bridge
Fridays from 9.00	Social Club

**CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HEADON-CUM-UPTON, GROVE AND STOKEHAM**

Starting salary: £8.344 per hour plus expenses (rising annually)  
12 hours per month  
Duties to include all admin. and accounts work.  
Access to internet an advantage.  
For initial informal chat/address to send CV call Jen on  
01777 701864

**Headon cum Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council**

**Next meeting**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010**  
**At 7.30 p.m.**  
**In the Village Hall**  
**All welcome!**

**Pippins Pre-School  
East Markham**

Offering Pre-School Education through play for children aged 2 to 5 years on  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings in  
The Community Room at East Markham C.P. School  
Session Times are 9.00am – 11.30am  
Extended sessions with a lunch club are available on  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 9.00am – 12.45pm  
For more information or to register your child, please contact:  
Suzanne Alexander on: 01777 870232

Pippins Pre-School also runs a Baby & Toddler Group every Wednesday morning  
during term time, 9.30am – 11.15am at East Markham Village Hall.  
Come and try the first session for free and make new friends!

**200 Club November Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Nigel Greenhalgh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	Catherine Fry
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	Hannah Thomas

**Big Rubbish Collections**

Next collection:  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
(and every 6 weeks  
- at least for now)