



# HEADS-UP!



*The newsletter for Headdon and Upton*

December 2010



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



*Please note that there will be no newsletter in January.*

## Winter weather

During this period of exceptionally cold weather, we hope that all of our readers are managing to keep safe and warm, and watching out for each other!

Unfortunately the over 60s Christmas Dinner and the cinema on 4<sup>th</sup> December had to be postponed. The Christmas dinner has been rearranged for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January (details on page 3) and the revised date for the showing of 'I'm Alright Jack' starring Peter Sellers, Ian Carmichael, Irene Handl, and John le Mesurier, will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February. That should cheer us all up!

The weather also played havoc with the emptying of wheelie bins. Hopefully Bassetlaw District Council will have now caught up with last week's collections but there are implications for next week and then we are into the Christmas/New Year period – full details on page 2.

The weather had nothing to do, though, with our main story which started with a phone call from a farmer in Stokeham who had lost a tup. He was particularly concerned because it wasn't his but was borrowed. Our special reporter has compiled this report.



## **Ram Raid in Upton!**

Events took a dramatic turn two weeks ago with a ram raid in Upton.

A male sheep was seen wandering aimlessly in the countryside on Monday, but then disappeared. Amidst mounting concern for its own and the public's safety, it was suggested to this reporter that the search should start in John Mosley's freezer. There was nothing to support this theory, although I did notice an unusually large stock of mint sauce in his kitchen!

The Ram was then reported seen in the Duke William, the worse for wear after downing several glasses of Lamb's Navy Rum. Events took a dramatic turn for the worse as the Ram jumped up onto a table and began dancing the Lambada. It was then baa'd.

The rogue ram was seen again, and captured by (surprise surprise) John Mosley. This reporter saw Councillor Mosley leading it by the horns, saying he was taking it to the McGlen's field for safe keeping. It was pointed out that he was actually walking away from Upton and towards his own house. Looking rather sheepish, he turned around and headed back towards Upton.

The Ram was safely introduced to the flock already in the field, coincidentally on his birthday - well, it must have been the way he was celebrating! The Ram's i-pod later had to be confiscated to try to calm it down. It was discovered that it had been listening to a new album - Top of the Chops, including the songs "Herd it Through The Grapevine", "I Will Always Love Ewe", "Chirpy Chirpy Sheep Sheep", "Wool You Still Love Me Tomorrow", "Woolly Bully", and "Flocking All Over The World".

## **Neighbourhood Watch News**

A man with exceptionally large hands and described as looking like Wallace (of Wallace and Gromit fame), has allegedly been selling dodgy lamb door to door from a battered black Ford Escort estate. There are reports of people getting fleeced. BEWARE!

**By Russ Ling, Countryside Correspondent.**

### **Parish Council News**

We don't have a full report of the Parish Council meeting on 6th December. However, the main item discussed, and the reason that the meeting was held despite the difficulty in getting to the Village Hall, was the severe weather

When Nottinghamshire County Council asked Parish Councils for feedback on the way they had dealt with the severe weather last winter one of the points the Council made was that local farmers would be willing to clear snow provided that they were supplied with the right equipment and were protected against compensation claims. The County Council's response to Parish Councils' comments made no mention of this suggestion and so the Council wrote to them specifically to ask whether they would supply a snowplough that could be attached to the front of a tractor so that local volunteers could keep the roads open. Although the reply did not specifically answer this question, instead referring to only trained personnel being allowed to operate the County Council equipment, it meant 'No'.

The Council thinks that it appalling, not so much that villages are cut off – after all if there is 2 feet of snow nobody expects to be able to take their car out – but that two weeks after it first snowed the roads and pavements are still highly dangerous and people risk life and limb just setting foot outside their own front doors. If the roads had been cleared of snow promptly then they would be much safer by now, particularly if there were sufficient grit supplies.

Government advice is that there is no law preventing Parish Councils from clearing snow or ice from public spaces and that it is unlikely the Parish Council will be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if the area has been cleared carefully and even if they are then their Public Liability insurance will provide cover. As the County Council appears to have no intention of keeping even the bus routes clear and will not supply Parish Councils with the equipment they need, then the Council feels that it should seriously consider buying its own snowplough. This will be discussed further at the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January after making further enquiries of the County Council and our insurance company.

### **Rubbish Collections**

The blue bin collections scheduled for this week will not take place as Bassetlaw District Council tries to deal with the backlog of refuse collections resulting from the weather. Collections revert to the normal schedule next Monday (20<sup>th</sup> December) which is also a green bin week. When the blue bin collections resume they will also accept up to three bags of recyclable waste

As well as being disrupted by the weather, collections over the next few weeks are affected by the Christmas and New Year Holidays and the collections in the village, will be

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Green wheelie bin
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue wheelie bin + up to 3 bags of recyclable waste
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Green wheelie bin
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Normal collections resume

**For the Wednesday collections bins should be put by the roadside by 6 am**

### Village Hall

We were disappointed that the Christmas dinner had to be postponed, but are pleased to be able to tell you that it will now take place on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please let Ann (248388) know if you are able to come on this day. If you couldn't make it on the original date, maybe you can come on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much to all those people who bought raffle tickets, and to those who agreed to sell them. If you have stubs to return, please let me have them on or before the Christmas party on 17<sup>th</sup> December, separated and folded in quarters if possible! The Draw will take place at the party.

We hope to see 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!

We are delighted that John Kirkpatrick will be coming to the Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Did you see him in the TV series "Victorian Farm? Contact Janet for tickets. The ticket price includes a hot supper. See the ad on the back page.

### Headon-cum-Upton Bridge Club

Club members won 2 of the trophies awarded annually at Retford Bridge Club. Bob and Chris Bagshaw won the Hopkinson Cup, a handicap competition which runs throughout the year and Roger Stock is Clubman of the Year. The winner of this cup is decided by club members voting for the person they think has contributed most to the running of the Club. Congratulations to all three winners.

Our club meets on Wednesday at the Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.30 If you want to play bridge in a friendly atmosphere or learn the rudiments of this fascinating game contact David on 248282.

### St. Peter's Church

December 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Christingle and Carol Service	Grove
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Headon
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Grove
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Group said communion	Headon
	3.00pm	Carols by candlelight	Fledborough
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Headon
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Headon

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

### Headon and Upton Theatre Club

Show	Venue	Date	Price
Brendan Cole	Royal Concert Nottm.	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	39.50
The Merry Widow	Theatre Royal, Nottm.	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	41.60
Yes Prime Minister	„ „	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	33.50

Please note that our Social and Joining evening will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 8pm. There will be food and wine available, free to members and those who join during the evening, £6 for non members. Contact either Margaret on 01777 248053 or Paul on 01777 248385 for more information.

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



## Village Christmas party

&  
**GRAND RAFFLE DRAW**

Just bring a contribution to  
the party food!

Everyone welcome!  
The more the  
merrier!

**Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm**

**in the Village Hall**



**JOHN KIRKPATRICK**  
Presents

## **THE VICTORIAN FARMER'S YEAR IN SONG**

Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.30

in Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

Tickets £8, including supper      Phone 248282 for tickets



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

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.00	Village Christmas Party
Tuesdays at 7.30	Whist Drives
(Alternate weeks - 4 <sup>th</sup> January etc.)	
Wednesdays at 7.30	Bridge Club
Fridays from 9.00	Social Club
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Over 60s Christmas Dinner
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 7.30	John Kirkpatrick
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Theatre Club Social Evening
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	I'm Alright Jack (Cinema)

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

Next meeting

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

at 7.30 p.m.

in the Village Hall

**All welcome!**

### **200 Club November draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	Mary Spencer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	Mrs McLeod
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	Kathleen Champion

### **LOGS FOR SALE**

**£65 PER TON  
£120 PER 2 TONS**

**FREE LOCAL  
DELIVERY**

**TELEPHONE:  
01777 701777  
07814536706**

### **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

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Contact David Cunningham  
for a free quote:

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