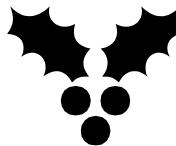


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The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton
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December 2003

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and happiness, peace and prosperity in the coming year.

We have been very pleased that, for the past five years, this newsletter has been available, free of charge, to every household in the parish. Originally this was thanks to Rampton Hospital who printed all the copies. It then became more difficult to access the hospital due to changes in perimeter security and Ken Philips came to our rescue. For the past two or three years he has generously printed all copies at his own expense, but now that he has left the village another means has had to be found. Thankfully, this is now resolved and you will all continue to receive Heads-Up at no cost. David Landon will do the printing and the Veggies, thanks to your contributions to the 200 Club lottery, will pay the costs. We wish to record our gratitude to Rampton Hospital and to Ken for their help and generosity in the past. We think that this newsletter is very important to the villages, keeping everyone informed of concerns and events and it has contributed hugely to the success of the Village Hall and other groups.

AN EVENING WITH HEADON AND UPTON THEATRE CLUB

The Headon and Upton Theatre Club is nearing the end of its first year and to celebrate this event we would like to extend an open invitation to members, guests, non-members and anyone who would like to come and join us in Headon Village Hall on Friday 16th January 2004 at 8 pm. The bar will be open from 8 pm. There will be a free glass of wine and a light buffet for all comers. Our programme for the next 6 months will be complete and available. Members of the Club will automatically receive tickets along with the next booking form for 'Cats' which is at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham in March.

Guests and non-members may purchase tickets for the evening for £2.00 each, at the door on the night, or by contacting Margaret on 01777 248053 or Paul on 01777 248385 at any time. The cost of this ticket will be refunded if the holder then decides to join the Club as a full member. There will be a raffle with 3 prizes, a free ticket of the winner's choice, to any event from our programme, free travel to any two events of the winners' choice and free travel to any single event of the winners' choice. Come along and find out what we have achieved in a short time and hear about our plans for the future. There will be a welcome for everyone.

PERFORMANCE	VENUE	DATE	PRICE
Holiday on Ice Ice Show Spectacular	Hallam FM.Arena, Sheffield	Fri 6 Feb	Members £22.00 Non Members £24.00
Cats Wonderful and memorable musical	Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham	Wed 10 Mar	Members £31.00 Non Members £33.00

Anyone who would like more information about our events or would like to become a member should contact Margaret on 248053 or Paul on 248385

Parish Council News – Notes from the meeting held on 1 December

(These notes are based on my recollection of what was agreed at the meeting and not on the approved minutes)

Vacancy for councillor to represent Grove

The Council decided to co-opt Helen Strang to fill the casual vacancy to represent Grove.

Road safety

The Council was pleased to welcome a representative of Network Rail, known only as Steve, who advised that there are monthly checks on the level crossing. Although the red lights should stop flashing when the barriers are raised, if they continue to flash motorists should not proceed. Steve asked that motorists who experience long delays at the crossing with no train passing should report this incident to York. There is no telephone at the crossing because it is monitored by CCTV which should mean that problems are picked up.

Inspector France of Nottinghamshire Police had indicated his willingness to pass the problem on to the traffic management officers at Police HQ if the Council obtained no satisfaction from Network Rail. He had also suggested contacting the Road Safety section of Nottinghamshire County Council. The Council decided not to take any action at this stage. The Council understands that Dr Harris from Rampton Hospital is intending to make a site visit to Yew Tree Road on 10 December.

Car parking in Headon

Bassetlaw District Council had advised that a decision to lease the car park has not yet been formally taken but that the matter will be referred to the appropriate officer in the near future. It was suggested that the Village Hall committee be asked to put a notice in the Village Hall car park indicating that additional car parking is available opposite the Church.

Risk Assessment

The Council has now completed the risk assessment as required by the Audit and Accounting Regulations.

Request for litter bin

The District Council has agreed to provide a litter bin for the area near to the telephone box.

Grass Cutting Contract

At the previous meeting the Council had received a quote of £1824 from Leverton Landscapes. This was for the maintenance of the garden next to the car park, fortnightly cuts of the grass verges in Grove and monthly cuts elsewhere. Although this was a large increase on this year's cost, the price quoted was still lower than the second lowest tenderer for 2003. Following pressure from the Council, the company has now reduced the price to £1668.

Highways

The following matters will be reported to Nottinghamshire County Council:

- No salt on the bus route;
- Chevrons – the Retford Times reported that chevrons for Bothamsall had been replaced almost immediately;
- Direction sign to Headon Camp – already reported twice – a reminder will be sent;
- T-junction sign at Grove Gaps missing;
- Flooding at Grove Gaps.

Budget 2004/05

Members discussed the draft budget previously circulated, and decided:

- To maintain the grants to the churches for churchyard maintenance;
- To let the grass cutting contract to Leverton Landscapes;
- To set aside £500 as a donation to RADAR but only to pay half of it in the first instance. The Chairman will write to the Chairs of other local Parish Councils encouraging their Councils to do the same.

The Council will finalise the budget at its next meeting when it will also decide on the level of the precept.

Next meeting

Monday 5 January at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

David Landon

Clerk of the Council

The Twelve Days of Turkey

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me
I've bought a big fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree
On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard
As we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird
On the third day of Christmas came the people from next door
The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before
On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old
We finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold
On the fifth day of Christmas outside the snowflakes scurried
But we were nice and warm inside we had the turkey curried
On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died
The children fought and bickered, we had turkey rissoles fried

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince
When he sat at the table and was offered turkey mince
On the eighth day of Christmas the dog had run for shelter
He'd seen our turkey pancakes and glass of Alka Seltzer
On the ninth day of Christmas by lunchtime dad was blotto
He knew the bird was back again, this time as a risotto
On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home made brew
As if that wasn't bad enough we were eating turkey stew
On the eleventh day of Christmas the Christmas tree was moulted
With chilli, soy and oyster sauce the turkey was revolting
On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles upon our lips
The guests had gone, the turkey too, we dined on fish and chips

Village Organisations

Village Hall

Sid Kipper's Christmas Cod Pieces, was a most enjoyable evening of comic tales and songs about what Christmas means- from a family and village perspective.

The Christmas party will be held on December 19th, starting at 7.30. Please let Janet know if you are coming to this. There will be light refreshments. At the moment it looks as if Father Christmas will not be able to come - of course he is very busy at this time of year. However, if anyone knows of someone who could help him get to our party we would be grateful, and I'm sure the children would be happy to see him!

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Grand Christmas Draw. Please buy generously! Prizes are: a Christmas hamper, Christmas cake, whisky, port, wine and fruit. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas party. Donations for the hamper will be gratefully received!

Nicola Browne says that there has been a very good response for tickets to the New Year's Eve party. It will be very good value, at £2 a head. Phone her on 07967 103711 if you have not yet booked your tickets. You do not need to bring anything with you, but if you can contribute anything to the buffet, it would be appreciated. Let Nicola know if you can do this.

Well Dressing Society

The Quiz is always a lot of fun, and the one on November 14th was no exception. There were fewer people this time, but the rivalry and good humour was unabated! Six teams took part in an enjoyable quiz, won by 'The Custodians', aka Beatrice, Chris, Cath, Frank and friends. Thanks to David Landon, as question master, for attempting to keep order and to those who helped with the food and the bar. The Christmas dinner is on December 13th. If you are over 60, you should have received an invitation to this. If you have not received an invitation and are over 60, please let Ann Pyper know (248388)!

Veggies

Quite a lot of trees have now been planted, but we would like to plant more. Please let Robert Champion (248470) or Janet know if you have a space where a local species of tree could be planted. We recently met with a representative of Notts Wildlife Trust about erecting owl and bat boxes, and they will help with this project. We would also like to create a collection of old photographs of Headon and Upton, particularly aerial photographs. We enquired about buying these from the company selling them door to door, but it was too expensive. So we decided to ask if we could borrow any you may have, so that we could have them copied. Please let Beatrice McGlen (248187) or Janet know if you can help with this project.

'Make a Difference'

Please, please, let us have your 'Make a Difference' coupons from the Retford Times – we are just a few short, and yours could really 'make the difference'! Please give them to Ian Cawthorne or Janet Landon. Ian will use these to try to obtain more money for the Broadband project. The closing date for entries is **Friday December 12th**

St Peter's Church

Services for December and January in Headon (unless otherwise stated):

December 2003

Sunday 14	3.00 p.m.	Christingle
Sunday 21	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 24	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass at East Markham
Thursday 25	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist <u>Christmas Morn</u>
Sunday 28	10.30 a.m.	Group Morning Prayer at East Markham (All other services cancelled)

January 2004

Sunday 4	8.00 a.m.	Said Prayer Book Communion
Sunday 11	8.00 a.m.	Prayer Book Mattins
Sunday 18	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 25	10.30 a.m.	Family Service

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

Village Christmas Party



All welcome!
No charge!

Friday 19th December
From 7.30p.m.

**The Christmas raffle will be drawn
during the party.**

New Year's Eve Bash

8.00 pm until 2004

**No need to pay inflated prices or
worry about driving! Come to the
Village Hall for a great party!**



07967 103711 for tickets/information

**Saturday morning collections of bulky
domestic refuse – next collection**
Provisional date – Saturday 10th January



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What about a CD with pictures of
Headon and Upton, past and present?
Only £5
Phone 248767
(proceeds go to the Village Hall)

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

Next meeting
Monday 5th January
at 7.30 pm
at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall
Members of the public are welcome

Art Class

Thursday 11th December
10.00 am to 3.30 pm

200 Club winners

November draw:

1st	£25	Jeff Rickells
2nd	£15	David Landon
3rd	£5	Julia Harvey

Baby sitting

Responsible 16-year old girl
available for baby-sitting.

Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187

Future events at the Village Hall

December 13 th	1.00 for 1.30
December 19 th	7.30 pm
December 31 st	8.00 pm
January 16th	8.00 pm

Over 60's Christmas Dinner
Village Christmas Party
New Year's Eve Bash
Theatre Club Social Evening

For further details of any notice please ring 248282