

HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton

July & August 2009

Village Hall

RETURN OF THE SKITTLES FOR A COPPER KETTLE COMPETITION!

Plans are now well underway for the Barbecue and Skittles evening on Saturday 8th August. It should be a really good evening—as well as skittles, there will be a variety of competitions: golf, darts, rolling a coin for the whisky, Tombola etc. We hope that you will all join us on the day, and bring the family!

Judging for the Best Kept Village Hall competition took place on July 14th. The judges certainly seemed to be favourably impressed, and congratulated us on the appearance and management of the hall, so we really felt quite proud! Anyway, we now have to wait to find out how we fared.

Cinema Club There will be no Cinema in August, so the next film, Defiance, will be on September 5th.

The Cinema Club is accumulating a store of DVDs, so we have started a DVD rental system. The DVD is hired at a cost of £2.50 for a week, plus a deposit of £5 to be refunded on the return of the DVD. This will be available on Friday nights at the Village Hall.

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP?

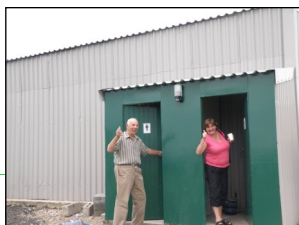
Any contributions can be left with Beatrice McGlen in Upton or Janet Landon in Headon. Or phone 248282 for collection.

MICROLIGHT SUMMER FLY-IN & HANGAR BASH

Uncertain weather with low visibility marred the start of the Fly in on Saturday 27th June, but things improved as the day wore on, and a dozen or so microlights flew in.

There was a good attendance in the evening, when about 150 people enjoyed the barbecue and dancing to the Stormbeats. Overall the event raised £1026 for the Royal British Legion.

No, these two are not forecasting the weather—they are checking out the new toilets on the Airstrip!



Open Gardens in Nether Headon

The Open Gardens day in Nether Headon on Sunday 21st June raised £1028.24. This will go towards Bassetlaw Hospice and National Garden Scheme Charities which include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Caring for Carers.

Thank-you to those of you who supported us by either visiting and/or cake making.

Parish Council News
Notes from Meeting held Monday 6th July 2009

Flooding issues

Mr Ian Davies of BDC is to contact NCC to check on their responsibilities around work on Thorpe Street Headon. The Parish council are to contact him to ensure that the dykes are cleared, as this is still felt to be the underlying problem.

A member of the public, attending the meeting, brought to the attention of councillors the publication in the Retford Times of legislation regarding the consultation of the public and parish councils regarding flooding issues. The council thanked him for highlighting this and assured him that they are in regular communication with the council around these issues.

Planning

There have been several instances lately when the parish council have felt that the planning department have not acted consistently in their decisions. They have requested that Mr Armiger, Head of Planning, attend a meeting. He has agreed to attend on 7th September 2009 to answer questions from both the public and the council. Unfortunately he will not be able to discuss specific cases.

Parish Grant Scheme

The council has been granted a small sum of money to use for the benefit of the area. There are restrictions for its use, and councillors will be discussing this again at the next meeting.

Clerks change of details

I can now confirm my new home contact number. It is: 01777 701864

Next Meeting

As the agenda is quite busy at present, it has been decided to have a meeting in August this year. The next meeting will be on 3rd August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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POLICE REPORT

After having no crime to report in the last period, these figures show the crimes recorded between 1st June and 16th July

Upton – No crimes reported

Headon – 09/06/09 - Headon Industrial Estate - Cultivation of Cannabis
09/06/09 - Headon Industrial Estate - Possession of drugs
18/06/09 - Hazelwood Lane - Theft of metal lids from the highway
22/06/09 - Greenspotts Lane - Damage to field trap

A number of churches have been attacked in neighbouring villages, some more than once, as thieves are again targeting lead. There have been several arrests recently with regard to this, but vigilance is the key and I would ask that any suspicious activity around the village churches is reported immediately.

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 (01909) 500999 Ext. 807 7464
Mobile 07910 336844 Email Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

VEGGIES

The Village Enhancement Group met recently to discuss a variety of issues.

200 Club

The 200 club membership has gone down a little, with the result that if we are to maintain the present value of the Grand Draw prizes, then the monthly prizes will have to be reduced a little. Members decided to reduce the monthly prizes to £40, paying out £25, £10 and £5, instead of the £25, £15 and £5 paid out at present. There will then be £310 available for the March draw

Bridge on Brigg Lane

The VEGGIES have been following Nottinghamshire County Council's long drawn out process of planning for the essential repairs to this bridge, hoping for a sympathetic replacement appropriate to the surroundings. It is a very old bridge, with a brick lined arch, and is an important part of our rural built heritage, giving evidence of historic field, road and transport patterns. It is at least 250 years old, and probably considerably older.

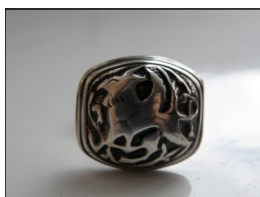
Clues to its age are found in:

- The name of the lane, i.e. Brigg Lane ("brigg" being an old dialect word for bridge);
- An estate map of 1768 which names the adjacent Open Field as "Bridge Field", and names the lane as the road from Upton to Rampton village;
- The small size of the bricks from which it is made, about 2 ½" deep.

Initially we had hoped that the brick lining could be repaired or replaced, but this is not possible and it will have to be replaced with concrete pipes, so we have asked that the outside edges of the pipes should be faced with brick. This may be possible.

The real problem lies with financing the whole project. Fortunately, this is the County Council's problem, we just hope that it doesn't adversely affect the end product.

The County Council's Environment Department has to apply for funding to do the work. Their representative says that they have been quoted £150,000(!), which makes funding difficult. Apparently, when a project is going to cost more than £5,000, they are not allowed to go out to tender, but must give the job to their own Highways Department. Part of the reason for the high cost is that the Highways Dept. say that the weight of the lorry and pipes for repairing the bridge will be so great that they will first have to improve the surface of the lane leading to the bridge.



Cufflink found

This cufflink has been in the Village Hall for maybe a couple of years now.
Do you know who owns it?
If so, please contact any Village Hall committee member.



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

BARBECUE & SKITTLES

AUGUST 8TH

At the Village Hall
From 4.00p.m.



Come & join in the

Bring the fami-




Competitions,
Tombola, BranTub,
Sideshows, Bar

Forthcoming events in the Village Hall		200 Club
Fridays from 9.00 pm	Social Club	June Draw
Wednesdays at 7.30 pm	Bridge Club	1 st (£25) Beatrice McGlen
Tuesdays at 7.30 pm	Whist Drive	2 nd (£15) Rae Edmonds
(alternate weeks – 21 st July etc)		3 rd (£5) Dave Burton
Saturday 8 th August from 4 pm	Barbecue and Skittles	


<p align="center">Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council Next Meeting Monday 3rd August at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall All welcome</p>	<p align="center">Big Rubbish Collections The next collection will be on Saturday 8th August (and every 6 weeks)</p>
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Church services in July and August			
26 th July	10.30 am	Family Service/Holy Baptism	
2 nd August	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion at Dunham-on-Trent	
16 th August	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	
23 rd August	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
To tact	30 th August	10.30 am	Group Service at Gamston Ploughing Match con- Rev.



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!