

Heads - Up!

The newsletter for Headdon and Upton

July 2014

Our postman — Richard Vallance



Richard has had his operation and is doing well.

Thank you so much to all who contributed to his Get Well/ leaving present. We raised £270, which is excellent!

Richard and his wife, Ann, will be coming to the Village Hall on Friday July 25th at 7.30pm.

Do come and join us in wishing him well!

No More Waiting at Grove Road Level Crossing?

Network Rail is planning to close all 73 level crossings between London and Doncaster in preparation for the introduction of a new signalling system in 2020. They plan to replace Grove Road crossing with a road bridge to the north or a road bridge or underpass to the south. Whilst this is good news for everyone who has spent what often seems like half a lifetime waiting for the gates to open, the Parish Council was concerned that a new road could lead to vehicles going even faster than they do at present. The Council also had concerns about diverted traffic using the village during the construction of the new bridge. If you have any thoughts on these issues (or on any of the other crossings they are planning to close), you can see the details and comment on them at: <https://networkrail.citizenspace.com/communications/east-coast-main-line-level-crossing-closure-study/consultation/intro/view> (More in the Parish Council report on page 2)

Village Summer BBQ

Come and enjoy delicious burgers and sausages as well as the company of neighbours and friends!

Bar Open

Raffle

Saturday 26th July from 6 pm

at the Village Hall



HEADS-UP

We are delighted to report that Beatrice and Chris McGlen will be producing HEADS-UP from September onwards. Any contributions should be sent to them at: pasturefarm86@btinternet.com

There's a rumour that they are planning an advice column - see page 3 for why this should be written by a woman.

We wish them all the best!

Parish Council News

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th July

East Coast Mainline: Level Crossing Closure Programme

Two representatives of Network Rail came to the meeting to talk about their plans for closing the level crossings between King's Cross and Doncaster. There are 73 crossings in total – some will be removed and diversions put in place, others replaced by bridges (or underpasses) for pedestrians, horses or vehicles. After the current round of consultation, in which there is generally more than one option for each crossing, Network Rail will set out its preferred option for each crossing later this year. These proposals will also be open to public consultation and then the final proposals will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the middle of next year. The Planning Inspectorate has advised that it will take about 18 months to consider the proposals, including time for public inquiries where necessary.

The proposals for the other 2 crossings which may be of interest to village residents are:

Causeway Lane (called Gamston Lane by Network Rail) – it is proposed to close the level crossing and divert the public footpath northwards alongside the railway as far as the railway bridge on the Eaton to Upton Road. The Parish Council suggested that it would be unwise to encourage pedestrians to use a road which can be dangerous, especially in icy conditions.

Eaton Lane – it is proposed to close the level crossing and construct a bridleway bridge, which would be a sizeable structure in order to achieve the height required.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the online questionnaires (one for each crossing) as part of the consultation process prior to any firm proposals being drawn up. Network Rail say they will look into the effect on traffic during the works and afterwards in consultation with the County Council Highways Department.

Highways

Highways have agreed to repair/lower the dangerous kerb at Dog Kennel Hill during the summer and to carry out some repairs to Grove Road ready for re-surfacing next year. The County Council's Rights of Way Officer will inspect the public footpaths in the parish during the next few weeks. The village road signs are to be cleaned during August by Lewis Wilkinson, as part of the work for his Duke of Edinburgh award, so many thanks to him.

Traffic Calming/Interactive Speed Signs (ISS)

Cllr. Ben Wielgus reported that we are presently waiting to be put on a list for implementation, but we are considered low priority. Network Rail indicated that they may be in a position to assist with traffic calming measures by way of new road design and also implementing measures during the construction period. The speedgun is reported to be back in the parish and being used by the speedwatch team. Interestingly road users have asked for the temporary ISS to be put back in place as it effectively slowed down traffic.

High Speed Broadband

Revised dates of implementation are disappointing and differ from those we were given earlier and which were included in a previous Parish Council report in Heads-Up. The proposed rollout for Grove is the winter of 2015 and for Headon and Upton the spring of 2015 to spring 2016. Those located close to the cabinet (the top of Thorpe Street in Headon) will benefit from improved broadband but its location will hinder the speeds that can be achieved at properties in Upton with improved services not guaranteed.

Next Meeting

The Council does not normally meet in August so the next meeting will be on Monday 1st September at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Karen de Torre – Parish Clerk, c/o 21 Redwing Close, Gateford, Worksop, Notts. S81 8UR

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Bus Services

It was reported in the last issue that there were rumours that the bus service through Headon and Upton was going to be scrapped (or possibly replaced by a 'request only' service). The County Council has issued the following statement: 'Following extensive consultation with County Councillors, local communities, passenger surveys and a series of road shows, a County wide revision of local authority funded bus services becomes effective from 4th August.'

There are changes to a number of services, including the replacement of services #89 and #90, which serve Grove, by service #190 but there is no mention of any changes to the timetable for service #36.

Headon Village Hall

Sunjay Brayn came to the Village Hall on 28th June, and entranced a very appreciative audience! He is an extremely talented young musician and we look forward to his next visit.

A number of events are planned for the coming months - please see the back page.

Meanwhile we hope to see you on Friday 25th July at Richard's leaving party, and again on Saturday 26th July at the village barbecue.

St. James' Chapel, Upton

Dr. Chris Brooke of Nottingham University has asked me to help locate the site of the chapel that was once in Upton. It was there in the time of Elizabeth 1 and is marked on a map of c1750, though not in a precise location.

This chapel, dedicated to St. James, was a chapel of ease, which is a church building subordinate to the parish church, for those who cannot reach the parish church conveniently. Field names tell us that the Beck (once called the Chitterbeck) flooded regularly, so it is understandable that Upton needed its own chapel.

I know that there was once a Church Bridge Close in Upton, but I don't know where it was!

Has anyone found anything that could indicate the location of this chapel? Or, does anyone know of any field names/place names in Upton with the word church, chapel or kirk?

If anyone has any clues we would be very grateful! *Janet:248282*

Why men don't write advice columns

Dear Walter

Yesterday I set off for work leaving my husband watching TV. After less than a mile the engine conked out and wouldn't re-start. I walked back home to get my husband's help and found him in our bedroom with our young female neighbour. I am 32 my husband is 34 and we've been married for ten years. The neighbour is 22 and when I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that they had been having an affair for the past six months. What should I do?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila

There are several reasons for a car stalling after being driven a short distance - start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line and then check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty. Hope this helps!

Walter

For further details of any notice please ring 248282

Regular & Forthcoming Events in the Village Hall

Wednesdays	7.30 pm	Bridge Club
Fridays	9.00 pm	Social Club
Friday 25th July	7.30 pm	Presentation to Richard
Saturday 26 th July		Barbecue
Friday 12 th Sept	7.30pm	Quiz/Pie & Peas
Saturday 27 th Sept	7.30pm	Concert: Clive Carroll
Saturday 18 th Oct	7.30pm	Harvest Supper

Headon cum Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

Next meeting

**Monday 1st September
at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall**

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3 rd	£5	Kathleen Champion

Church Service Times

	Headon	East Markham	Askham
Sunday 20 th July	Morning Prayer 10.30 am	Family Praise at 9.00 am	Morning Prayer 10.30 am
Sunday 27 th July	Combined Holy Communion with Methodist 10.30 a.m. at Grove Street Methodist Church, Retford		
Sunday 3 rd August	Group Holy Communion 10.30 am at East Markham		
If	there		
is no service in your own church do consider attending one in another of the Rivers Group Churches, you will always be made very welcome.			
Contact details for Rev. Julia Jesson:		telephone: 01777 870965	

Pippins Pre-School East Markham

offers Pre-School Education through play for children aged 2½ to 5 years
at East Markham C.P. School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
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Leigh Booth on: 01777 871509 or email: eastmarkhampippins@gmail.com
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