



HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton
(website: headon-cum-upton.org.uk/Index/Village/Newsletter)

July 2004

Summer Break

Here's hoping that the weather soon improves, and we can all enjoy our summer. There will be no HEADS-UP in August.

Broadband

Another successful grant application! Congratulations to Ian Cawthorn on his successful application to the Countryside Agency, who have promised a grant of 65% of the cost of the project, up to a maximum of £6,530. Ian is continuing to investigate all the options, including wireless equipment, and will report further in the next HEADS - UP.

The recent report by BT, (Retford Times, July 1st) that 100% of Nottinghamshire households will be able to receive Broadband by the end of 2005, is not true, if their web site is to be believed. A check, via the BT website, of phone numbers that will be able to receive broadband next year, shows that households in Headon will only get limited access, while households in Upton will not get any access in the foreseeable future as they are still too far away from the telephone exchange.

So, we need to carry on with our fundraising and we definitely still need your support and generosity! Don't forget "**Headon's Hangar Happening**" on July 24th (see ad on back page). It should be a good day, so please come along for all or part of the event, and bring as many people as you can to support the broadband project.

It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers, particularly for catering, so please phone Pat (248767) or Janet (248282) for tickets. If you can contribute to the Tombola please contact the same people, and we will collect, or you could drop items off at Pat's, Janet's or Ian's houses.

Proposed wind farm

The Parish Council held an additional meeting on 28th June to consider its response to the planning application for a temporary anemometer. The Council decided not to object to this application because it could see no valid planning grounds for so doing.

The application was considered at a meeting of the District Council's Planning Committee on 30th June. The District Council had received 15 letters, most from residents of Grove, objecting to proposals for a wind farm. The Chairman of Grove Against Windfarms spoke against this application at the meeting. The recommendation from the officers was to grant permission but the committee voted, by 11 votes to 10, to refuse permission.

It is not clear what will happen next – the ball is in the developer's court and he has the right to appeal against the District Council's decision.

Letter of Apology

Will and Linda Jackson of Heathfield House, Headon, apologise to anyone who has been inconvenienced by the building works. We hope there will be no more problems, which two weeks ago were made worse by heavy rain and closure of A1 causing heavy traffic through the village. We normally never cause any trouble!!

Parish Council News – Notes from the meeting held on 12th July

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

Speed limits

The County Council has set out proposals for signs and road markings at each entrance to the villages. The 30 mph speed limit will be run from Drayton Road, Askham Road and Westfields, Upton to Thorpe Street and Church Street, Headon. The County Council's intention is to complete the project before the end of March 2005. Once the new limit is in place, the Council will request that it is extended to cover Greenspots Lane and Ladywell Lane.

‘Message in a Bottle’

The Retford Lions are launching this initiative to coincide with the Health Fair/flu jabs programme in the autumn. This scheme will be available to all but is primarily targeted towards elderly and/or infirm people and those living alone. The idea is that householders will be supplied with a bottle in which they can put important information such as current medication, contact details for next of kin etc. The suggestion is that the bottle is kept in the door of the fridge. There would be a label on the fridge door and another on the external door of the property so that emergency services would be able to find it. The Council welcomed this proposal which has apparently been successfully tested in other parts of the country.

Grass cutting

The Chairman reported that she had, with considerable difficulty, contacted with a County Council officer who had offered to provide seeds to replace the plants which the contractors had destroyed. County Councillor John Hemsall reported that this contractor had been sacked and that the County Council had issued instructions to its new contractors not to cut the grass verges in the villages.

Car parking in Headon

Although Bassetlaw District Council had amended the lease to confine the Parish Council's liability to those matters for which it is legally responsible, the amendment to allow parking by visitors to the village, has reverted to its original form, restricting parking to village residents. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will sign the lease on behalf of the Council once this error has been corrected. The lease is for 50 years at a rent of £1 per year and the only immediate cost to the Council is £200 for the District Council's legal costs.

Power cut, 30 May

EMEB had explained why it had not been possible to repair the fault any quicker nor to be able to give precise information about when the power would be re-connected. EMEB had invited customers to contact Stella Hayward, Customer Liaison Officer, (telephone: 01332 393808) if they have further concerns.

BDC – Best Value Performance Plan

Members commented that the production by the District Council of an 80-page glossy publication is hardly 'Best Value'. Although District Councils are obliged to publish this plan, it is not a Government requirement to do so without any reference to the costs of producing it. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council suggesting that a low-cost report would send the message that the Council really is complying with the requirements of 'Best Value'.

David Landon
Clerk of the Council

Church Services for June/July

Rector & Priest-in-Charge: Reverend James H Little
The Rectory, Lincoln Road, East Markham, Newark. NG22 0SH
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuxford (01777) 871731, (e-mail: RevJLittle@aol.com).

Our group of parishes now includes the villages of East Markham, Askham, Headon-cum-Upton, Grove, Dunham-on-Trent, Ragnall, Fledborough, Darlton and East Drayton, and has been named "The Rivers Group of Parishes", being bounded by the rivers Maun and Trent.

July

Sunday 18	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 25	10.30 a.m.	Family Service

August

Sunday 1	8.00 a.m.	Said Prayer Book Communion
Sunday 8	10.30 a.m.	Prayer Book Mattins (Bill Taylor)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Baptism, Sarah Dickson
Sunday 15	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist

Sponsored Bike Ride

There will be another sponsored Bike Ride in September. Please consider taking part in order to raise money for the church – it would be fun and it would certainly do you good! Half of the money raised goes to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and half to our church. You can take part by getting sponsorship for cycling, walking or riding to as many churches as you wish. Blue Badge holders may take part by driving. You could also take part by sitting in church to receive visitors, getting sponsorship either for the length of time you spend in church or the number of visitors you sign in. Please let Janet know if you would like to take part.

Probation Service

We are very grateful to the Worksop Probation Service who have cleared the garden beside the car park in Headon. A group of about half a dozen young men worked extremely hard to remove all the rubbish which had become established there, and painted the fence. We now have a clean slate to work on, and hope that it will soon be an attractive corner. The Probation Service have also agreed to come back in the autumn to work on the Village Hall grounds. They do all the work for no charge, all we pay for is the materials used.

Theatre Club

The July outing of the Theatre Club, possibly on the wettest and windiest week we have had this year, was to the Rutland Open Air Theatre at Tolethorpe Hall to see the Stamford Shakespeare Company in *The Merchant of Venice*. I can safely speak for all in our party by saying we had an unforgettable evening, despite the weather. We had an excellent pre-performance meal in the lovely old Elizabethan Hall. At £15.00 per head it was very good value, impeccably served and beautifully prepared and presented, we all gave it top marks. The performance itself could not be faulted, although an amateur company the actors carried out a brilliant and professional performance, not a word was missed, even though halfway through the heavens opened. I have to say at this point that only the actors get wet, the audience is under cover, however they do claim never to cancel a performance due to bad weather conditions. The setting for the plays is in a lovely natural amphitheatre and even above the rain on the cover over the audience every word could be clearly heard. When it came to 'the quality of mercy falling as the gentle rain from heaven', the audience fell about laughing, which was not quite what Shakespeare had in mind when he wrote it. We would all thoroughly recommend a visit here for a 'summer' evening entertainment. We shall certainly be going again next year.

Margaret

The remaining performances for this season are:

PERFORMANCE	VENUE	DATE	TIME	PRICE
Aida	Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham	Thur 22 nd July		Members £34.50 Non Members £36.50
Last Night of the Proms	Lincoln Castle	29 th /30 th August		Not yet available

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.

Well Dressing Society

We did a good trade providing teas and selling cakes in the Village Hall during the Flower Festival weekend (26th/27th June). A profit of almost £80 was made, of which £40 will be donated to the Church. Although the weather was not perfect it was much better than last year for Barbecue & Skittles evening on 28th June, and we all had a very good evening. Jimmy Bennett won the copper kettle for the best score at skittles. Many thanks to Bob Champion, and especially to all his young helpers, for running the skittles and to Nigel & Rosie Greenhalgh for sterling work on the barbecue!

Village sign

The sign has now been delivered and will be erected near the bus shelter in Upton, in the near future.

Veggies – Friday Music night

The first four "Music nights" have now taken place, and are much enjoyed by the musicians, and by the Social Club audience. Its great fun, and if you would like to join in, and are over 10 years old, you will be welcomed! A keyboard or drum player would be particularly welcome. The next Music Night will be on 6th August starting at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall.

Summer Ball

Tickets are now sold out. If anyone else is still interested, we have a waiting list for cancellations, and can add your name to this if you wish. Any help with the auction would still be very much appreciated! If you have booked a table, would you please let Janet have the money by the end of July at the latest, so that we can offer any unwanted places to those on the waiting list.

Village Archive

The Veggies want to assemble an archive of photographs recording scenes of Headon and Upton, from as far back as possible. Can you help us? If you have any old photographs taken in the villages, would you lend them to us so that we could take copies of them? In particular, we are keen to make copies of the aerial photographs taken in the 1960's, but we are sure that some of you have many other interesting photos, perhaps lying forgotten in a box or an attic! Such a collection would be of enormous interest, both now and in the future, but we need your help to achieve it.

Please contact one of the following if you can help: Robert Champion, Beatrice McGlen or John Pyper.

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

MICROLIGHT OPEN DAY
SATURDAY JULY 24TH
Trial flights & BBQ from 2.00pm.
At the Airstrip on Cloverclose Lane

HANGAR BASH
From 7.30pm
DANCING TO 60'S MUSIC
FROM THE STORMBEATS
Admission £8 to include supper

Bridge Classes
Start again on
Wednesday 15th September
7.30 and 9.30pm
Beginners and improvers welcome
Bar open
Interested?
Then ring David on 248282 or come along
any Wednesday evening

**Headon-cum-Upton, Grove
and Stokeham Parish Council**
Next meeting:
Monday 6th September
at 7.30 pm
at the Village Hall



Congratulations to Jane (nee Champion) and Mark Coupland on their marriage on June 21st. We wish you much happiness.

200 Club – June Draw
1st £25 Rosie Greenhalgh
2nd £15 Marian Phillips
3rd £5 Tim Marples

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Future events at the Village Hall

Fridays from 8.30	Social Club
Wednesdays at 7.30	Bridge class
Tuesdays at 7.30	Whist Drive
(alternate weeks –July 13 th etc)	
Friday 30 th July at 7.30- 8.30	Open evening
Friday 6 th August at 7.30	Music night
Saturday 28 th August at 7.00	Summer Ball

Saturday morning collections of bulky domestic refuse
Next collection: Saturday 14th August

Open Evening
Headon Village Hall
Friday 30th July 7.30-8.30pm

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