



# HEADS-UP!

**The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton**  
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## **Nathan's a Champion!!!!**

Congratulations to Nathan Champion-Lane who has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship in recognition of his engineering talents. To gain the award Nathan had to sit a selection exam to demonstrate flair and originality in solving engineering problems. He also faced a panel of interviewers in April. The scholarship will be formally presented to him at a ceremony hosted by the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London.

## **Proposed wind farm**

About 50 people, including some from Headon and Upton, attended the Public Meeting in Grove on 15 June at which Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES) made a presentation of their current proposals for a wind farm in Grove.

RES made the point that it is imperative that we look towards renewable energy sources and work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. At present, the prediction is that by 2030 the average temperature will have risen by 1<sup>0</sup> Celsius. This doesn't sound much, but even so it will have a tremendous impact on ocean levels, wildlife, and indeed all life. Many islands will disappear, coastlines will change and many species of plant and animal life will disappear. If we can generate 20% of power from renewable sources it would make a real difference to this bleak outlook.

At present wind power is the only viable source of large-scale renewable energy, and the technology for off-shore wind farms is uncertain. Wind power is a natural for the UK which is the windiest country in Europe.

RES confirmed that their present plan is to erect 11 turbines, but that this is open to negotiation and could change. They stressed that they do listen to public opinion. Under the present proposals, two of these turbines are in Headon parish.

This number of turbines would provide enough electricity for 13,000 homes in one year. The turbines will be approximately 80 metres high, 400 metres apart and 800 metres from the nearest residence.

Following this presentation, the meeting was opened to questions. From a personal point of view I found that the meeting then became unnecessarily hostile and ill-mannered, with no attempt at negotiation but a blanket refusal to accept the wind farm at all. In fairness it must be said that this was largely down to a very vocal minority.

At the end of the meeting it was very clear that of those present most did not want a wind farm at any price. It would be interesting to know the opinions of those residents who did not attend the meeting so please let us know your what you think about this proposal.

## **!!WARNING: BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INTRUDERS!!**

During any spell of hot weather, it is tempting to leave doors open, but this can be dangerous. The elderly and those who live alone are particularly vulnerable. Just the other day an elderly person in the village was startled when two men walked into the living room, asking if they could do some gardening. They did leave without doing any harm, but it could so easily have been different. Please be alert.

## Parish Council News – Notes from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Speed limits

Following an invitation issued some time ago by Janet Askew for him to come and look at the volume and speed of traffic for himself, Dr Harris of Rampton Hospital attended a site meeting on Yew Tree Road on 21 May. Unfortunately, there was very little traffic that morning and even that was travelling very slowly because of the operation of a JCB – talk about embarrassment! However, Dr Harris does travel on this road regularly and is aware of the problem. He will again remind staff to drive carefully through villages and hinted at the assistance of the hospital, if needed, in signs to warn drivers to slow down. (Note: I had written to the County Council to remind them of their commitment to implement 30 mph speed limits in Headon and Upton and quite coincidentally, the day after the meeting I received a letter from the County Council with a map showing the area to be covered by the new 30 mph limit. In essence this stretches from the start of the existing 40 mph limit on Askham Road, Drayton Road and Westfields, Upton to a point to the north of Clover Close, including, in particular, all of Thorpe Street and Yew Tree Road. The letter also sets out the suggested signage and road marking at each of the entrances to the village. The Council has been asked to comment on the proposals as soon as possible so that they can be implemented before the end of this financial year.)

### Car parking in Headon

The Council has finally received a draft lease to which it agreed subject to satisfactory resolution of the Council's acceptance of liability

### Litter bin

Bassetlaw District Council has installed and been invoiced for half the cost of the bin, leaving the Parish Council to pay the balance of £123.

### Neighbourhood Watch

The Council decided to pay the subscription but will ask that information is supplied regularly for inclusion in village newsletters.

### Power cut, 30 May

I was asked to write a strongly-worded letter to EMEB about this power cut on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May which lasted from midday to 10.30 pm. The letter will refer to previous assurances which the Parish Council has received, both from attendance of EMEB staff at Parish Council meetings and from letters, that the incidence of power cuts would be much reduced in future.

### Grass cutting

Members, especially those representing Headon, expressed their annoyance that the County Council had cut the grass verges in the villages and, in particular, that they had destroyed some of the banks. The County Council has been informed on more than one occasion that the Parish Council would be responsible for cutting the verges within the village boundaries. None of these letters had even been acknowledged. Other parishes employing contractors to cut grass verges had been required to complete a lengthy Health & Safety questionnaire but this Council can hardly be expected to complete a questionnaire it had not received! County Councillor John Hemsall advised that he had contacted the County Council officer responsible for the operation of the grass cutting contract and was expecting a report the following morning.

### Audit & Annual Return 2003/04

The Council agreed the Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and by the Responsible Financial Officer. This will now be sent to the external auditor. The Council agreed to make a modest payment to Graham Murray of Woodbeck as a token of its appreciation of the conscientious way in which he carried out the internal audit.

### Next meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

David Landon  
Clerk of the Council

### Church Services for June/July

Sunday 20 June	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 27 June	6.30 p.m.	Patronal Festal Evensong
Sunday 4 July	8.00 a.m.	Said Prayer Book Communion

### Sponsored Bike Ride

There will be another sponsored Bike Ride in September. Would you please consider taking part in order to raise money for the church? 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.

## **Microlights & Broadband Headon 's Hangar Happening**

Martin and Pat are inviting everyone to a Microlight day to raise funds towards getting Broadband to our villages. This will be on July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00pm onwards, at the airstrip. During the afternoon there will be a barbecue and Microlight trial flights. Later, from 7.30pm there will be live 60's music by The Stormbeats, a bar and food. Tickets for the evening will cost approximately £8, which will include supper. The cost has still to be confirmed, but no more than £8 and possibly less.

We hope that you will all come along for all or part of the event, bringing your friends and relations! It should be a great day, especially if the weather is good! Ian is working hard on the Broadband project, and it would be excellent if we could give his funds a significant boost, so, see you then!

P.S. If you could contribute towards a Tombola stall, please let Pat (248767) or Janet know and we will collect.

### **Youth Forum**

When the Youth Forum disbanded last year, they generously donated the balance of their funds – a grand total of £612 – to the Village Hall, and asked that the money should go towards restoring the well in the Village Hall grounds. We are very grateful to the members of the Youth Forum and hope that work on the well will start soon.

### **Well Dressing Society**

During the Flower Festival weekend (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June) the Village Hall will be open for strawberry teas, from 1pm on each day. There will also be a cake stall and a plant stall. Do come and see the colourful displays in Church and then call in at the Village Hall for refreshments. If you can contribute cakes and/or plants for the stalls, we will be very grateful! Profits will be shared between the Church and the Well Dressing Society.

On Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> we will hold the traditional Barbecue & Skittles evening at the Village Hall. We hope to see you all there. We also hope for good weather this time!

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Tim Bowles came to the meeting on Friday 21 May. Unfortunately only three parish councillors and three members of the public attended. That was a great pity because Tim gave a very interesting talk about the work of the Notts Wildlife Trust in Gamston, Eaton and Treswell Woods. He has kindly agreed to lead a walk through Gamston Woods on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, which everyone is welcome to join.

Meet at the entrance to Gamston Wood. at 6.30 pm

### **Summer Ball**

Approximately half of the tickets for the Ball have now been booked. If you haven't booked yours yet, please phone Janet (248282) to reserve your table. We are looking for promises for the auction at the Ball. Can you help? We would really appreciate some novel ideas!

### **Veggies – Friday Music night**

Held on the first Friday of each month, the first three "Music nights" have now taken place. Anyone over the age of 10 years, who is interested in music-making, is welcome to join in. A keyboard or drum player would be particularly welcome. The next Music Night will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall.

### **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.

## **Theatre Club**

<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
	Tolthorpe Hall	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 pm	Members £21.00 Non Members £23.00 Meal £15.00
Aida	Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham	Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Members £34.50 Non Members £36.50
Last Night of the Proms	Lincoln Castle	29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> 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

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

# Well Dressing Society

## Barbecue & skittles

at the Village Hall

# Well Dressing Society

# Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

Come & join Tim Bowles in a  
**Guided walk through Gamston and  
Eaton Woods**  
All welcome!  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Meet at Gamston Wood at 6.30 pm



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## **200 Club – May Draw**

**Baby sitting**  
Responsible 16-year old girl  
available for baby-sitting.  
*Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187*

**Saturday morning collections of bulky  
domestic refuse**  
**Next collection: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Bridge**  
Classes re-starting on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Beginners and improvers welcome  
If you want to have a look come along  
to the Village Hall any Wednesday  
evening between 7.30 and 9.30.  
Ring David on 248282

<u>Future events at the</u>	
<u>Village Hall</u>	
Fridays from 8.30	Social Club
Wednesdays at 7.30	Bridge class
Tuesdays at 7.30	Whist Drive
(alternate weeks – 29 <sup>th</sup> June etc)	
Sat/Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> June	Flower Festival at Church & teas at Village Hall
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Barbecue & skittles
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30	Music night