

HEADS-UP!

March 2012

Easter Feast

7.00 for 7.30p.m.
in the Village Hall

Easter Raffle
draw during
the evening

Great value at £8.00 or
£4.00 for under 10's

Menu

Home made Soup

Home-cooked Ham
& Beef
Salads

New potatoes

Scrumptious

Please book early!
For tickets ☎ Janet 248282

Saturday April 7th

200 Club annual draw
- the BIG one!

Limerick competition!
See below for details

S t. Peter's Church

Easter Feast - We do hope that you will be able to come to the Easter Feast, it is always a really good evening! Let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Limerick competition - please come with your limericks prepared! Not too risqué please—remember it's for a mixed audience! They should start with 'There was a young man (or lady) from Headon (or Upton)'. See what you can do!

Easter Raffle - I now have the raffle tickets, and have started selling them! If you could sell any for us, please let me know. Prizes include a chocolate hamper, a home-made Simnel cake (thanks to Margaret Farr), Skerrystone pork vouchers (thanks to Andrew Silcock), a basket of flowers from Stokeham Nursery, Easter eggs and wine. Contributions of chocolate items for the hamper will be gratefully received (such as biscuits, cocoa, chocolate bars etc), as will any other prizes!

Spring Clean - We hope to give the church a Spring Clean on Saturday, March 24th at 11am and would very much appreciate help - especially if you can bring some cleaning apparatus such as a vacuum cleaner and duster!

'Church News' will no longer be distributed in Headon and Upton. I will continue to receive it by e-mail, and will circulate it to everyone whose address I have. If you would like me to forward 'Church News' to you please send your e-mail address to janet@thorpe-house.com.

Margaret Audrey Silcock

We were saddened to learn that Margaret (Audrey) passed away on February 10th. She and her family lived in Upton for many years, during which time she took an active part in village life and continued to do so even after moving to East Markham. It was a sign of her popularity and her wide interests that so many people attended her funeral, when the church was filled to overflowing with about 150 mourners. She will be much missed and we offer our sincere condolences to her family.



Parish Council News

Notes from the Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2012

Parish Council Vacancy

There is still one vacancy for a parish council member at Grove. We ask you to please contact the clerk or Cllr. Jonathan Wallwin if you are interested in becoming a parish council member and making our team complete. Your main commitment is to attend 10 evening meetings per year and to be a contact for residents between meetings. The level of involvement outside of this commitment is purely dependent on your own interests.

Broadband Speed Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed a Broadband questionnaire. Feedback was approximately 25%. To summarise, 28 responses were received out of approximately 120 houses. 79% of villagers are either frustrated with their connection or can't use it the way they want due to lack of speed. Less than 50% of villagers currently download videos and large files, but there is a desire for more. More than 2/3 of participants study or work from home using their internet connection.

The villages of Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham receive a speed of less than 2Mb per second, the national average being in excess of 6Mb per second. We are therefore, way below the national average. We spend an average of £16.50 per month on broadband and are willing to spend in excess of £20 to improve speeds. It was also determined that most villagers are unhappy to have to wait 3 – 5 years for a broadband upgrade.

The Parish Council are not optimistic that improvements will be offered to our villages in the near future but we will continue to communicate our thoughts and concerns with those who are in a position to help our cause. For more information or to offer support, please contact Parish Council member Ben Wielgus on 01777 700184 or email ben@wielgus.co.uk.

Winter Arrangements

Many thanks to Ian Champion who turned out with the Parish Council's snow plough during the weekend of 4th February 2012 to clear our roadways. It was a good test for the equipment, but let's now hope it will be garaged until next winter!

Karen de Torre – Parish Clerk

c/o 21 Redwing Close, Gateford, Worksop, Notts. S81 8UR
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email headonpc@fsmail.net

Police Report

PC Bailey reported the following crimes since the beginning of the year:

26 January – Cable theft from Greenspotts Lane, Headon

8 February – Heating oil theft from Upton

18 February – Attempted break-in at Grove

Ongoing problems with underground and overground cables being stolen and stripped for their copper content.

Reminder... The national number for contacting police is now live. The non-emergency contact is 101 and this can be used anywhere in the country to contact local police for the area you are calling from. The cost of the call, regardless of length of call or whether landline or mobile, is 15p.

PC 1695 Bill Bailey can be contacted on 07910 336 844

Email – Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111 - all calls are confidential and the caller may remain anonymous if desired.

Village Hall

At the last village hall meeting it was decided to hold the summer Barbecue and Skittles during the Jubilee weekend. There was some debate about which would be the best day to celebrate, it being a bank holiday weekend. The general opinion was that either the Monday or Tuesday (June 4th or 5th) would be best, but it was decided to ask you. Obviously, we hope that you will support the event so we would like you to have a say! You can e-mail me, janet@thorpe-house.com or let Dave Burton, John Mosley, Alun McKiernon or any committee member know which day you would prefer.

Perhaps you could also let us know if you have any good ideas for competitions to add some extra fun!

Please note that because the Easter Feast will be on April 7th, the next cinema (Tintin) will now be on March 31st not April 7th.

Concern over local Wind Turbines by a village resident

Over recent months, two wind turbines have reared their heads over Headon. Whilst on the face of it, a single wind turbine may be considered innocent enough, several are certainly not and the cost to the local community in terms of noise pollution and destruction of the countryside should be considered.

These wind turbines have caused disruption and upset on a daily basis to local residents. The noise from the wind turbine in the field opposite Headon Camp is substantial and constant, operating 24/7 and is comparable to listening to a train going past, continuously! The wind turbine that has recently been erected in the field at the top of Ladywell Lane, has caused months of disruption and has required the felling of trees, destruction of hedges, road works and disruption to power supply. Building work has also been undertaken, (in connection with the wind turbine), which is currently being investigated by the Breach of Planning department at Bassetlaw Council.

An application for yet another wind turbine at Mill Hill farm has been received by Bassetlaw Council. At nearly 25 meters high, this turbine would be the largest yet. Tests have also been carried out by engineers on surrounding land in respect to the development of yet more wind turbines in the area. The installation of wind turbines is becoming purely commercial, due to the substantial subsidies received by the landowners from the government, so the taxpayer is effectively having to pay for these wind turbines, whilst the landowner gains all the benefits.

On an environmental level, there is evidence to show that wind farm areas are increasing climate change by 4% and the carbon footprint that is generated from the manufacture, transportation and installation of these turbines is considerable. If planning permission is granted for any more wind turbines, there will be a real threat to the tranquillity of the local community and the beauty of the local countryside could be lost forever, by the erecting of more brick buildings and substations, to accommodate the turbines, ultimately resulting in a reduction to the value of local property.

NB The views expressed are not necessarily those of the editors.

Theatre Club

Show	Venue	Date	Time	Price
The King and I	Alhambra, Bradford	Wed 16 th May	7.30pm	£41.50
Twelfth Night	Tolethorpe Hall	Tues 10 th July	7.45pm	£23.50
			With pre-performance meal	£44.50

Times of Church Services

March 18 th	Mothering Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Headon
March 25 th	Passion Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Headon
April 1 st	Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion	East Markham

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
Saturday March 31 st	7.30 pm	Cinema "Tintin"
Saturday April 7 th	7.30 pm	Easter Feast
Saturday May 19 th	7.30 pm	Lydian Choir (in Church)

Headon cum Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday April 2nd

at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

200 Club - February Draw

1 st prize	£25	Harry Wright
2 nd prize	£10	Ian W Smith
3 rd prize	£5	Ian Smith

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For more information or to register please contact:

Leigh Booth on: 01777 871509

or email: eastmarkhampippins@gmail.com

Pippins Pre-School also runs a Baby & Toddler Group every Wednesday morning during term time,

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