

HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon and Upton

September 2011

Here we are, back again after the summer break. We hope that you had a good summer! But, being optimistic, maybe it isn't over yet, despite the high winds blowing as I write this.

No village events have taken place since the last newsletter, so this edition is a bit thin! Hopefully there will be more to report on in October.

Read on....

Church Open Weekend

Saturday and Sunday
September 17/18th
10am—5pm

Do come and visit and have a look round this beautiful and ancient building and discover all sorts of things you never knew!

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some cake while you absorb the atmosphere!

For instance, did you know.....

- that our church was built 900 years ago?
- that the Sheriff of Nottingham was buried here in about 1300 and that his effigy is in the church?
- that the bell frame is the oldest in Nottinghamshire

Other things to see:

The priests' vestments belonging to our church will be on display. We don't have many, but they are beautiful! They are not worn nowadays, so this is a rare opportunity to see them.

Also on display will be maps of the parish from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, showing many of the lanes, fields and field names of those times. These tell us so much about the culture and agriculture of times gone by in our village.

For many years now, I have been researching the field names in our parish. They really are fascinating and tell us so much about what our villages were like in times gone by, and what went on here.

There are some field names which have survived from Viking and mediaeval times—imagine that—a succession of villagers have used that same name for that particular field for well over 1000 years!

If you are interested in the village and its past, and why it looks as it does, you, too, will be fascinated by these!

Parish Council News

Notes from the Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011

New Parish Councillor for Grove

At Monday's meeting, we co-opted a new member onto the Parish Council to represent Grove village. Mr Ben Wielgus of Main Street, Grove, was welcomed by the other members and judging by his input at this first meeting, he will be an asset to the parish council as he has experience in the background of issues often raised around the parish council meeting table. His input at forthcoming meetings will be greatly valued.

One Parish Council Vacancy

As there is still one vacancy remaining 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.

Street Lighting in Nottinghamshire - consultation

A year ago, the County Council Cabinet approved proposals for a 4 year programme of changes to street lighting aimed at saving over 25% of energy use. The draft proposals for our villages can be seen on the website: www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/streetlightingchanges.

In essence, the proposals are to turn off lights between midnight and 5.30am. Whilst the parish council supports energy saving, we believe that a selective lighting scheme would be far better and have made a number of comments for their consideration, the main ones being concern at lighting being switched off at road junctions for road safety reasons, and certain key areas which may become a magnet for crime should the areas be in darkness.

Road Cleansing

It was noted that the roadside drains at Headon are full of sediment and in need of cleaning. A road sweep is due in October, so a request for jetting of the drains has been lodged.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Closure at Retford

Retford Household Waste Recycling Centre closed on 4th September for 12 weeks for refurbishment. You are asked to use the Worksop Recycling Centre for the time being.

Police

PC Bailey reported that there have been 2 crimes since his last report - the theft of metal bars from a tractor at Headon on 20th August and a burglary at Headon on 25th August.

The major current problem is the theft of cable with thieves cutting down power lines and pulling up telephone wires to sell the metal as scrap. The thefts have been taking place in the early hours and some of them would have taken several hours to carry out. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity around power lines, in fields, telephone points, etc. The thieves may appear to be workmen and probably ignored for this reason, so please be aware and report anything you feel is suspicious.

PC 1695 Bill Bailey can be contacted on 0300 300 9999 ext. 807 7364

Mobile – 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.

Karen de Torre – Parish Clerk

1 Cherry Tree Avenue, Shireoaks, Worksop, Notts. S81 8PH

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Tales from the Woods

We've all hung around for hours waiting for tradesmen to deliver our goods and the phrase "anytime" proves to be our "waste of time". So we had waited all day anticipating the arrival of a television receiver and with oncoming dusk, we gave up all hope of its arrival. We were, thus, very surprised to hear a clattering at the back gate and to find a startled face peering over the wall.

"Come to the front, will you", I called, hoping my tone conveyed my irritation.

"I can't, Mrs., I've got two wild boars up my ar**!" came back the feeble voice.

The two "wild boar" in question, were Porky and Bess, our pot-bellied pigs.

Seeing a figure at the gate, they had decided it was time for their nightly treat of chocolate buttons. The unexpected snorting and grunting of the two huge hairy creatures in the half-light had been justifiably considered dangerous predators.

When we first got the piglets, they were small, sweet and adorable asnd we expected them to remain thus. We should have suspected that the publicity about their socialability and dog-like qualities were exaggerated.

When we tried to put Porky piglet on a lead, she bounded squealing, thrashing and loudly protesting before laying down in the front garden and refusing to move for three hours. They particularly enjoyed doing nothing, occasionally re-arranging their hut and bedding.

We now know that the female of the species grows rather large and the pug faces never look friendly or sociable.

However, they were very lovable and they could haul their obese forms at a rapid rate towards food, (a bit like me really). They were with us for a number of years and finally succumbed to "death by chocolate", and other goodies; lovely, indolent, clean and gentle creatures.

St. Peter's Church

This year the churchyard grass has been mown by a team of volunteers and looks really tidy. The system has worked very well and we are so grateful to those people who have given up their time in order to do this.

Times of Church Services

September 18th	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Headon
September 25th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Headon
October 5th	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion	East Markham

Contact details for Rev. Julia Jesson: Telephone: 01777 870965

Village Hall

No events have yet been organised for the autumn/winter season so we await details and information for Harvest etc. Watch this space!

Craft Markets at Retford Town Hall

Sunday Craft Markets will be held in the Buttermarket from 10am to 3.30pm on 18th September; 30th October and 27th November. Hand crafted by local crafters will be on sale and refreshments will be available. Stalls are still available, contact Johanne Rose on 01909 533717.

For further details of any notice please ring 248282

200 Club

		July	August
1st	£25	Michael Penny	Steve Harris
2nd	£10	Tony Wilkinson	Ian Smith
3rd	£5	Mrs McLeod	Julia Harvey

Regular and Forthcoming events in the Village Hall

Tuesdays at 7.30 Whist Drive
(alternate weeks, 13th September etc)
Wednesdays at 7.30 Bridge Club
Fridays from 9.00 Social Club

Headon cum Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

Next meeting
Monday October 3rd
at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall
All welcome!

Baby sitting

Responsible 16 year old girl
available for baby sitting.
Please contact: Boo Cauwood,
Tel. 01777 248286 or
07854005482

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aged 2 ½ to 5 years on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am—11.30 am,
Monday afternoons from 1.00 pm—3.00 pm & Wednesday
afternoons 12.30 pm—3.00 pm.

The Community Room at East Markham C.P. School

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:

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,

9.30am – 11.15am at East Markham Village Hall.

Come and try the first session for free and make new friends!

Village store

**A new store is open on Askham road in
East Markham**

We stock a wide range of products
including fresh bread and milk
made to order fresh sandwiches

Hot coffees

and daily and Sunday newspapers

Hope to see you soon

Terri & Paul